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Reputed racist wins 10% of French vote

By
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PARIS (JTA) —
The ultra right-wing National Front Party, whose leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen, has been denounced as a racist and anti-semite by Jewish community leaders, elbowed its way into parliament last week in national elections that left the centre-right coalition four seats short of the majority needed to form a government.

Le Pen, whose party won 35 seats of the 577-seat National Assembly — and nearly 10% of the total vote — promptly declared he would not support a new centre-right government unless he is part of it.

Only recently a court sentenced Le Pen to a symbolic fine after finding him guilty of racist remarks when he insulted four Jewish reporters who had been critical of his party's activities. In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency last year, Le Pen denied he was anti-Jewish. He admitted being anti-Arab and favors expelling immigrant guest workers, many of whom are of North African origin.

The National Front Party won four seats in Marseilles, a city plagued by unemployment which has a large population of guest workers from North Africa. It matched the centre-right coalition, which also won four seats in Marseilles. Le Pen himself was elected in Paris where he polled 11% of the vote.

The coalition which beat President Francois Mitterand's Socialist Party consists of the neo-Gaullist Rally for the Republic (RPR), headed by Paris mayor Jacques Chirac, and the liberal Union from French Democracy, (UDF) whose leader is former president Valery Giscard d'Estaing. The coalition captured 289 seats, with 22.5% of the vote.

Jean Marie Le Pen

According to Tribune Juive, nothing could be better for Israel and the French Jewish community than a pro-Israel president such as Mitterand and a powerful National Assembly dominated by the Socialists and centre-right parties.

The Communist Party, which won 35 Assembly seats, with slightly less than 10% of the national vote, suffered its worst defeat since 1924. Political analysts believe its debacle was attributable in part to the party's poor record on human rights.

The Representative Council of Major French Jewish Organizations (CRIF) issued a communique on the eve of the elections calling on the Jewish community to vote "according to each and everyone's political and ideological convictions." It made only two exceptions — the National Front and the Communist Party.

Nevertheless, some Jews cast votes for the extreme left and extreme right. The Communist daily, L'Humanite, published an appeal last week signed by 200 Jews urging Jews to vote Communist. Several Jews wrote the local Jewish newspapers protesting the CRIF communique and stated they would vote for Le Pen's party.

Administration privately prefers Peres

Split in Herut buoys U.S.

By
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WASHINGTON —
U.S. officials have expressed hope that Prime Minister Shimon Peres and the Labor Alignment will benefit politically from the current crisis in the Herut wing of the Likud (CJN March 20).

Publicly, the Reagan administration has avoided any official comment on the recent stormy Herut convention in Tel Aviv. Privately, however, authoritative U.S. officials said they hoped the split within Herut might further weaken the Likud in the event of early elections or a collapse of the national unity coalition.

There was a sense in Washington that, in the event of the latter, Peres might now be in a stronger position to form a new Labor-led coalition, perhaps even with some disgruntled Liberals.

The Americans recognizing that the removal of Yitzhak Shamir as the Likud leader — as threatened during the convention — would effectively undermine the coalition and the rotation agreement scheduled for October. At that time, Shamir and Peres are slated to switch jobs.

For months, U.S. officials have not concealed their hope that Peres and Labor would somehow manage to remain atop the Israeli government, although they have avoided any overt interference in domestic Israeli politics. Washington clearly prefers the style and substance of Peres, as opposed to Shamir.

But with hopes fading or any breakthrough in getting peace negotiations with Jordan off the ground, U.S. officials in recent weeks had reconciled themselves to the prospects of the rotation. They noted that there was at least some "silver lining" in that the broadly-based coalition would be in a better political position to fully implement Israel's economic recovery program.

But now, U.S. officials, who have been closely monitoring the latest fireworks in Herut, are once again hoping that Peres might emerge as the major political beneficiary. There is a sense among these officials that average Israelis watching the Herut convention on television were turned off by the angry clashes and accusations.

"A weakened Likud has to help Labor," one American analyst said.

Others agreed, noting that the possibility of some Liberal Party partners in the Likud bolting if Ariel Sharon and David Levy emerge as the overall party leaders — replacing Shamir and Moshe Arens.

The Americans have long expressed hope for a strengthening of what they regard as the natural centre of the Israeli political spectrum — namely, left of centre Labor forces forging a new alliance with right of centre Liberals. But U.S. officials were by no means certain that significant elements of the Liberal Party would in fact turn toward Labor. "It's only a hope," one American commented.

The New York Times said that Peres might in fact stand to gain from the Likud disputes and "come to an early election with unaccustomed popularity."

Togo may reestablish relations with Israel

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —
Togo will soon resume diplomatic relations with Israel, an American specialist on West African affairs has predicted here.

The specialist, who asked not to be identified, had just returned from Togo, said that country's government is looking forward to resuming ties broken after the 1973 Yom Kippur war.

Togo, with a population of 3 million, was described as a "benevolent dictatorship" with a largely free market economy under the leadership of Enassingbe Eyardemea. It has good relations with the United States and is antagonistic towards Libya. Its major exports are phosphates, cotton, cocoa and coffee.

El Al to carry Ontario maple tree

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
When El Al's first direct flight from Toronto leaves on March 31 it will carry an Ontario maple tree courtesy of the Ontario government.

Premier David Peterson presented the tree to David Dennis, chairman of the Jewish National Fund tree planting program, at a recent ceremony on the front steps of the legislative building at Queen's Park.

Participating in the ceremony was Gideon Saguy, consul general of Israel, Sidney Bearg, president of JNF Toronto, Elinor Caplan, minister of government services and chairman of the management board, Monte Kwinter, minister of consumer and commercial affairs, and Liberal MPP Steve Offer.

Peterson said he was delighted to participate in the tree planting ceremony.

"The tree is an important symbol of life," the premier said in making the presentation.

Bearg and Dennis will take the tree to Israel as part of a JNF mission to the Holy Land on March 31 on El Al's first direct flight from Toronto. They will present it to Moshe Rivlin, world chairman of the Jewish National Fund.

The tree planting program, coordinated by JNF of Canada, in association with the Israel Government Tourist Office, allows Canadians visiting Israel to plant a tree there free of charge.

Through participating travel agents across Canada, every person who plans to visit Israel receives a voucher, together with a brochure, containing detailed information on the program.

For more information call the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto at (416) 964-3784 or the JNF at (416) 638-7200 in Toronto or (514) 934-0313 in Montreal.

Ontario Premier David Peterson (centre) presents a maple tree to David Dennis (left) for the Jewish National Fund tree planting program. Looking on (from right) is Gideon Saguy, consul general of Israel, and cabinet minister Monte Kwinter. [Jeff Rosen photo]

WJC hits again at Waldheim

NEW YORK (JTA) —
The World Jewish Congress Sunday released a 1948 U.S. Army document showing that, after World War II, both the army and the United Nations War Crimes Commission (UNWCC) listed Kurt Waldheim as a suspected Nazi war criminal.

The document — a page from the army's "Combined Registry of War Criminals and Security Suspects" (CROWCASS) — reports that Waldheim's apprehension was being sought by Yugoslavia on suspicion of complicity in what the registry listed as "murder."

Waldheim, who served as secretary-general of the United Nations from 1972 to 1981, has been at the centre of a storm of controversy since the first week of March, when the Austrian magazine Profil charged that he had falsely denied membership in two Nazi organizations, including the SA Brownshirt stormtroopers.

A World Jewish Congress investigation discovered that Waldheim concealed for 40 years his wartime military service in Yugoslavia and Greece on the staff of Alexander Loehr, a notorious Nazi general who was hanged in 1947 for war crimes. Waldheim is currently a candidate for the presidency of Austria.

Waldheim's CROWCASS listing notes that he served during 1944-45 as a staff officer in Department IC (Intelligence) of the general staff of Army C Group E ("Heeresgruppe E") in Yugoslavia. Army Group E was headed by General Loehr. On March 4, the WJC released a photograph taken from a German army newspaper showing First Lieutenant Waldheim with Loehr in Nazi-occupied Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, in late 1944.

Waldheim's CROWCASS listing also shows that he served as an officer in the Abwehr, the military intelligence service of the high command of the German armed forces. This is the first time that Waldheim has been publicly linked to the Abwehr.

A WJC spokesman said that his organization had located the army CROWCASS document in public archives of the U.S. government. He expressed profound "dismay" that the army, in responding on Feb. 20 to a Freedom of Information Act request made by the WJC for all documents "referring or relating to" Waldheim, had failed to disclose Waldheim's listing as a war crimes suspect.

Waldheim is listed

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Excuses fly in explaining non-visits

By
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Most Jews have never visited Israel. That is an unpalatable but indisputable fact.

Recently an important meeting took place in Jerusalem to consider this problem. It was sponsored by the Synagogue Council of America, which comprises the major Reform, Conservative and Orthodox lay and rabbinical organizations.

Rabbi Plaut

One thing was clear, the chairman said in his opening statement. "Unfortunately only 18% of American Jews have ever visited Israel." He pointed out that "every tourist who pays a visit to Israel produces an average of one thousand dollars for the economy. If we could achieve a 5% increase in tourism from our congregational membership, Israel would be guaranteed in 1986/87 an additional income of two billion dollars."

That is of course an impressive figure, and I don't doubt that the news release which emphasized the economic aspect of the matter reflected the concerns of Israel's Ministry of Tourism quite accurately. It did not, however, address the fact — in many ways even more important — that visiting Israel should also be of immense importance to the Diaspora, but apparently isn't.

That is a painful subject for every lover of Israel. Think of it: four-fifths of the world's largest Jewish community have never been to Israel. As for Canada, the percentage may be a little more encouraging, but not much. The time has come to ask why this should be so.

Statistics first. The 80% non-visitors range from birth to high age, and from poor to rich. Let's say that a full 30% are either too young or are financially unable to pay a visit. (You can't include the oldsters here: they were once young enough to make the trip.) That still leaves half of our Jews who could have visited Israel but never have, at least not yet.

So, why haven't they? Readers of this column who fall into that category know of course why they themselves never went. Some of them meant to go but for one reason or another didn't get around to it, and now they are not well enough to travel, or now it's too expensive. Others had family, business, health or other problems. All of a personal nature, and all very cogent, no doubt.

And then, fear. It's so dangerous over there, and even travel is no longer safe, and think of terrorists and bombs, the non-goers say — and mean it. In vain to tell them that driving on Highway 401 and the Queen Elizabeth or a visit to Paris and Miami can be more dangerous and produce a higher ratio of death and injury. In vain to tell them that when in Israel one is totally uaware of external danger and feels enormously secure. In vain to point to non-Jews who outnumber us as tourists. They don't seem to have our hangups.

The bitter fact is that most Diaspora Jews are willing to give money to Israel but little more. Visiting Israel interferes with their life style, their pleasures, their priorities. And there's the rub: priorities. Does one have to sit in prison, like Scharansky, to say "Next year in Jerusalem" — and mean it?

Jerusalem made capital on maps

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

While U.S. policymakers consider Tel Aviv as Israel's capital, two major publications that receive close attention in Washington's official ranks have now given Jerusalem that designation on their maps.

In a map attributed to staff member Joan Forbes, The Christian Science Monitor has shown Jerusalem entirely within Israel's borders. The map was published Jan. 14 in connection with the newspaper's report on the Taba formula adopted by Israel's cabinet.

The universally respected National Geographic indicated Jerusalem as Israel's capital in an extensive article in its October issue on Arabia's Frankincense Trail. The map is credited to the magazine's cartographic division. Other cities on the map bearing the capital star are Amman, Beirut and Damascus.

Sociologist downplays dire warnings

Unity forces prevail in U.S. Jewry

WASHINGTON —

Despite deep-rooted conflicts within the American Jewish community, the forces that unite it will continue to outweigh the pressures that divide it, according to a sociologist specializing in Jewish affairs.

Dr. Samuel C. Heilman, professor of sociology at Queens College of the City University of New York, asserts that "sectarianism, division and dissensus have been a continuing element of Jewish communal existence from the beginning and throughout the centuries."

His 38-page study, entitled "American-Jewish Disunity: An Overview," was commissioned by the American Jewish Congress and released at its recent 1986 biennial convention at Washington's Shoreham Hotel.

Numerous reports in newspapers, periodicals and journals have issued dire warnings concerning Jewish disunity, Heilman says in his report, citing a number of major areas of division, such as the dispute over conversion, the definition of who is a Jew, and the status of women in Judaism.

However, Heilman says that while the Jewish community has always lived with fragmentation, "the experience of history suggests that even the bitterest disputes get resolved in one way or another — either the various groups of Jews find that the forces that divide them are less significant than those that unite them, or some external adversary reminds them that they are one."

Today's rifts are not merely between Orthodox and non-Orthodox Jewry — Conservative and Reform Jews are also divided on many issues, and the Orthodox themselves are divided into modern and traditionalist groups, he observes.

The real dividing lines, however, says Heilman, are not simple. Careful analysis suggests that what basically divides Jews are "competing worldviews," which, although associated with the matter of Orthodoxy and non-Orthodoxy, go much deeper, he adds.

In addition, there are Jewish groups that are in an ambiguous middle position between the extremes. "One worldview," says Heilman, "seeks to prevent all change while the other encourages or embraces change. Both views, however, remain convinced that they will ensure the survival of Judaism and the Jews." The first view, he says, holds that change is suspect and ultimately threatens to erode Judaism, while the second says that those who fail to adapt and change will stagnate.

Among current major areas of disunity analyzed by Heilman are the following:

• The "Who is a Jew?" controversy: Defining who is a Jew has become an issue because of a rise in the frequency of intermarriage between Jews and non-Jews that has yielded a generation of children who have one parent who was not born a Jew, and who in only some cases has been converted to Judaism. If the non-Jewish parent is the mother, then, according to Jewish law, the offspring is not Jewish.

Where mixed marriages do lead to conversion of the non-Jewish spouse (21% convert, as reported in a recent study of intermarriage), the conversion may not have been carried out according to the most rigorous standards of Jewish law, or Halacha, so that the convert may not be considered Jewish by Orthodox Jews.

The rise in the rate of intermarriage from about 10% in the 1950s to 25% or more in the 1970s and 1980s has alarmed some segments of the Jewish community and has intensified the who is a Jew debate.

A related conflict has also been stimulated by the decision of Reform Jewry to adopt a "patrilineal descent" policy, under which the child of a Jewish father and a non-Jewish mother is recognized as Jewish.

• The Jewish divorce issue: Under Jewish law, divorce can be complex. Only a woman who has a valid bill of divorcement, known as a get, usually executed through a Jewish court of law, is entitled to remarry. Should a Jewish woman remarry without a valid get, the new marriage would be considered invalid, and children from that new union would be illegitimate under a strict interpretation of Jewish law.

Since to many Orthodox Jews civil divorces and those carried out through non-Orthodox institutions are invalid and subsequent marriages are not viewed as legitimate, children born of such unions are written out of the Jewish community. The issue of Jewish divorce, therefore, "is a growing source of disunity within Jewish society."

• The status of women in Judaism: In the last century and especially within the last 15 years, the traditional role of women in Judaism has undergone profound change, paralleling the change in status of women in Western society generally. The keynote of that change has been the evolution of women from a subservient to an equal position with men.

Although even Orthodox Jewry has reflected this change by accepting the principle that Jewish women should be provided with intensive and advanced Jewish education on other issues, Orthodox Jews have strongly resisted change, such as the acceptance of women rabbis and the inclusion of women with men as part of the minyan for prayer. The Conservative and Reform wings of Judaism have accepted both of these options although with some reluctance among the more traditionalist wings of Conservative Jewry.

• Jewish dietary laws: Because some Jews will eat only food which are certified kosher while other Jews eat food of all types, Jews who follow dietary laws will not eat in the homes of those who do not, resulting in additional division and isolation of different segments of Jewry from each other.

• Jewish Education: Children receiving an intensive Jewish education in a full-time Jewish day school or yeshiva often develop a sense of distance and insularity from Jewish youngsters who attend public schools and receive religious instruction on a part-time or intermittent basis only. Such factors "undoubtedly prepare the ground for a sense of distance in adulthood" says Heilman, who adds that while there is no definitive evidence that intensive Jewish education leads to a greater sense of attachment to Jewish life than intermittent or no Jewish education, "there are strong associations that point in that direction."

However, says Heilman, despite these divisive factors, it is difficult to characterize today's divisions as any deeper than those that have divided Jewish life throughout the ages.

There are, in addition, some strong signs of unity, he suggests, one of the strongest being the willingness of a number of leaders of the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform branches to talk with each other and work for "understanding and rapprochement." He points out, for example, that whereas during the early part of this century, American Jews were sharply split on the issue of Zionism and the prospect of a Jewish state, American Jewry today is almost unilaterally supportive of Israel.

Waldheim feels ignorance will serve to set him free

By
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WASHINGTON —

Among the causes to which Kurt Waldheim has devoted his life, ignorance is surely one. Asked to account for his years as a Nazi officer, he said he never knew about the atrocities being committed around him. Asked how he could not, he answers that he still does not know. For almost 45 years, the former UN secretary-general has pursued ignorance as if it were truth. He thinks it will set him free.

The charges against Waldheim are several. The first is that he was an early Nazi recruit. Not true, Waldheim says. The second charge is that Waldheim served both in Yugoslavia and Greece under Gen. Alexander Lohr, who was later executed as a war criminal. In Yugoslavia, Lohr's forces committed atrocities. In Greece, they were responsible for, among other things, the deportation of 42,000 Jews from the city of Salonika to extermination camps in Poland.

To the last charge, Waldheim says not guilty. He was merely a staff officer to Lohr, an occasional translator, and not only did he have nothing to do with the expulsion of Jews, but he did not even know about it. Confronted by the New York Times, Waldheim confessed not just innocence, but ignorance as well.

"I regret these things deeply," he said, referring to the deportation of the Salonika Jews while he was there. "But I have to repeat that it is really the first time I hear that such things have happened. I never heard or learned anything of this while I was there. I hear for the first time that there were deportations of Jews from there."

It could be that Kurt Waldheim worked for the very Nazi general who organized the expulsion of the Jews of Salonika and never heard a thing to make him suspicious. It could be that almost half of Salonika's residents vanished — much of the merchant class — and Waldheim did not notice. It could be that the butcher went, the shoemaker went, too, the lawyer in his office, the doctor in his clinic, the haberdasher in his store — and still Waldheim took no notice. The children were gone from the street, the old men from the park and the wind banged the shutters of empty homes, but Kurt Waldheim walked by noticing nothing. It could be. But it could not be.

Or it could be that he did notice. But what could he do? He was a mere cog in a huge killing machine — a soldier in the army, not a race-hater in the SS, not a sadist for the Gestapo torture chambers. Europe was a vast charnel house and everywhere the innocent were being murdered. To admit casual complicity for what happened during the war is almost to earn moral immunity now. What could one person do? What would you have done?

But the measure of the man can be taken in his proclamation of ignorance. Here is the self-confessed dumbbell in all his glory — a person who boasts no knowledge of history as if that frees him from its consequences. In Waldheim's case, a great crime took place under his nose and he smelled nothing. He was, he insists, the three monkeys rolled into one. Stop picking on him.

Even in the awful annals of the Holocaust, the saga of the Jews of Greece is a special horror. It was a very long way from Salonika to the killing camps of Poland. The Jews of Salonika — men and women, children and the aged, the pious and the cynical, the jaded and the romantic — were put into trains and shipped across Europe. The journey took days and all this time the Jews of Salonika went without water or food, without toilets or baths — in some case without air to breathe. By the time the trains reached the camps, many of the Jews were already dead. They suffered terribly and a Jewish community, 500 years old and renowned throughout Europe, was no more.

After the war, Kurt Waldheim became a world leader. He is now running for the president of Austria. It is barely acceptable for him to say he was oblivious to mass murder when he was a junior officer; it is not acceptable for him to say he spent a life that way. As a man and as a political leader, it was his obligation to find out what happened during the war, to see what, in his modest way, he made possible — to know and, in the telling phrase of Arthur Koestler, "to be haunted by his knowledge."

But Waldheim says nothing haunted him. He proclaims his innocence by confessing ignorance. But what it really comes down to is indifference — an inadvertent confession of guilt. It is what made the Holocaust possible.

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"Tars" the Baltic community, Prutschi says

CJC will join in complaint against TV show

By
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TORONTO —

Canadian Jewish Congress has agreed to work with the Baltic Federation in Canada in presenting a complaint to the Canadian Radio-television & Telecommunications Commission about the broadcast of a television show which "tars" the Baltic community.

Manuel Prutschi, national director of community relations for CJC, said Congress shared the Baltic community's concern that the show's neo-Nazi villain was given the surname Baltic.

"We are concerned that the name gratuitously tars a whole community whose ancestry is one of the Baltic republics," Prutschi said.

Congress joined with spokesmen for the Baltic Federation, the Chinese Canadian National Council, the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and with provincial and federal politicians at a press conference at which the groups criticized CTV for airing the American-produced program on March 12.

David Satok, chairman of CJC's joint community relations committee, stated Congress had asked CTV president Murray Chercover, prior to the show's airing, to dub (substitute) another name in place of "Baltic."

Noting that considerable tension has arisen in Canada as a result of the Deschenes Commission, Satok said: "In our call that war criminals be brought to justice and that neo-Nazis be combatted, we have always stressed that at fault are individuals and not nationalities; criminals and not communities."

Satok said CJC had been in contact with the World Jewish Congress, and the WJC (acting also on behalf of CJC) had written to NBC, the network which aired the show in the U.S., asking that the name "Baltic" be excised from the program, which he described as otherwise "a well intentioned exposition of neo-Nazism."

The reply from both NBC and CTV had been "unsatisfactory," he said.

The program, called Highway to Heaven, dealt with a concentration camp survivor targeted by a neo-Nazi terrorist named Jan Baltic.

NBC aired the program, despite protests in the U.S. from the WJC, Baltic Americans and Senators Donald Riegle and Carl Levin.

In a reply to a letter from the senators, Bettye K. Hoffmann, vice-president of program information of NBC, stated "we assure you that this is a totally manufactured name and is in no way intended to be identified with any particular group."

In Canada, Chercover stated prior to the broadcast that the program is dedicated to human rights and opposes "terrorism, violence and particularly discrimination of any kind."

He added "we are assured by the producers and by NBC that no offence was intended and there is no evidence to suggest a deliberate malevolent intent."

According to Baltic Federation president Dr. Guntis Silins, CTV's reply was "highly insensitive" and ignored the concerns expressed by the Baltic community and other cultural groups.

Silins stated the Baltic Federation has "been forced to ask Attorney-General Ian Scott to lay charges against the CTV television network and Chercover for wilfully promoting hatred against an identifiable group."

He said CTV had disgraced the names and reputations of all 100,000 people of Baltic descent in Canada. He said the surname Baltic is rare, noting there are no examples of it in the Toronto phone book.

In light of a comment by federal Liberal justice critic Robert Kaplan, the Baltic Federation decided to pursue criminal sanctions against the network.

In a letter to the president of a constituent group of the Baltic Federation, Kaplan stated "this is exactly the kind of situation envisioned by section 281.2 of the Criminal Code (the hate law section used to prosecute Jim Keegstra), and I am fully supportive of your efforts to take your case to the provincial and federal attorneys-general for further action."

But Satok stated Congress' position was that the proper legal recourse could be found under CRTC regulations, which prevent the broadcast of "any abusive comment that is likely to expose an individual or a group to hatred or contempt on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin."

MP Patrick Boyer stated CTV should "rectify the slur," saying a public apology would be a good first step.

Silins said the Baltic Federation would pursue all avenues available to it.

Joining in the criticism of CTV were MPP Phil Gillies, who called on Lily Munro, provincial minister of citizenship and culture, to take the lead in asking for a public apology, Jew (sic) Mayseung, executive director of the Chinese Canadian National Council, and Victor Goldbloom, president and chief executive officer of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

Goldbloom said the "media should be leaders in the education of society to be respectfully sensitive" to others, adding it was a "clear fact that people feel injured by the program."

Representatives for Otto Jelinek, federal minister of state for multiculturalism and MPP Yuri Shymko distributed releases in which they too expressed concern about the program.

Won't accept letter on Refusenik

BB group confronts Soviet official

By
DAVID LEVY

OTTAWA —

The first secretary of the Soviet embassy here to which a 9-man B'nai B'rith delegation had gained access last week refused to accept a letter pleading for relief of the plight of a Leningrad Refusenik, Vladimir Lifshitz.

He also refused to give the delegation his calling card and even to permit the letter to be left on a reception room counter.

"Maybe it has a bomb in it," he said, according to Genya Intrator, Toronto writer on Soviet Jewish problems, who was a member of the delegation that gained entry to the embassy to seek a meeting with the ambassador on behalf of Vladimir Lifshitz, a 44-year-old economics mathematician.

When B'nai B'rith national chairman Michael Rosenberg offered to open the letter to prove it had no bomb in it, the tense and nervous Russian official's fears remained unallayed. He refused to have anyone open the letter, though he failed to run for cover when it seemed one delegation member was about to disobey.

All argument during the half-hour encounter failed in trying to get to see the ambassador or an authorized deputy. The first secretary told the delegation to take their letter to the embassy's press office which is housed in a nearby separate building.

Accepting failure, the delegation then contacted the department of external affairs and made an appointment for the following morning with William E. Bauer, Canada's ambassador to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE, i.e., the Helsinki Accords ongoing process) who is about to leave for Switzerland, where the next CSCE meeting is scheduled to take place.

The case of Vladimir Lifshitz centres on Soviet interception of his letters to heads of world Communist parties describing his life as a Refusenik which are being used as evidence in prosecuting him under article 190/1 of the Soviet Criminal Code. The matter was to be presented to Bauer in the hope that he will table it in Berne.

Members of the B'nai B'rith delegation had been in the national capital for a meeting of their Soviet Jewry committee cabinet.

Volunteers seeking tax relief will have to wait: Wilson

By
JEFF ROSEN
TORONTO —

Volunteers looking for some quick tax relief for their charitable efforts will have to wait a little longer, says finance minister Michael Wilson.

Wilson told The Canadian Jewish News at a recent dinner for the Eglinton-Lawrence PC Association that he has been talking to the National Volunteer Organization (NVO) for some time, discussing tax relief for the volunteer sector.

The finance minister stressed in his recent budget the importance of volunteers to Canadian society and said the government is continuing to examine a number of measures to encourage charitable donations.

During the interview, Wilson said the proposals brought forward so far by the NVO have proven too expensive to implement. However he said the government will continue to work with this sector during the next year to see whether there are other ways of aiding the volunteers.

"If we can get something in place for the next budget then we'd like to do that," Wilson said.

He said that at this point all options are on the table and the government will be looking for suggestions on which to act.

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QUESTION: Rabbi Oshry's Responsa From the Holocaust, number 94, deals with the question of whether books and sefarim taken from the Jews by the Nazis in 1942 and subsequently found after the war by a Jew, belong to the finder or to the original owner. Rabbi Oshry ruled that "the original owners had given up hope of ever retrieving the books," and consequently the books belong to the finder.

Rabbi Burak

On reading this, I disapproved of the decision. My views are based on questions of fact and not of the law. When the Nazis took away the possessions of Jews ... we expected then to see the end of their thousand years' empire, and we actually did. Consequently, Rav Oshry's simple statement that these people had automatically given up all hope, is not acceptable. What say you?

— Dr. Julius Pfeiffer, Montreal

All questions in Jewish law must begin with one question: What does the Shulchan 'Aruch say? This is not the first time in Jewish life that we have met with Haman. And this is not the first time that Jewish books have been confiscated, only to reappear and to be sold at a profit. Jewish homes had been sacked and pillaged before the Nazis. So the Code must have something to say about books taken by brigands in one of their pogroms and put on sale.

The Shulchan 'Aruch, H. M. Chapter 236:8 rules that there is a difference in law between the arbitrary confiscation of lands and chattels. When lands or buildings are forcibly taken away, the owners do not despair of regaining their property. But when movable goods or chattels are taken away, there is ye-ush; the owner is resigned to the loss.

Books, being movable goods, should fit the latter category. But, the words of Rabbi Moshe Isserles z.l., incorporated in small print into the text of the Codes, says: "There is no ye-ush as far as books are concerned." So, even when the Gestapo took your holy books, you never gave up your ownership. That's a point in your favor.

But there is another side to the coin. How meaningful is your contention that you didn't give up hope of having your property back again? Are there not forces so overwhelming that one cannot remain standing straight? Could one go through this mortal storm without losing one's confidence? The Talmud, it will be seen, was sure that there are circumstances that man finds overwhelming.

When an object has been lost in an ordinary way, the laws of involuntary ye-ush do not apply. Then, as long as you have not despaired of recovery, it remains yours no matter in whose hands it is found. But, if the object has been lost due to unusual circumstances — say, if a river flooded the plain and carried off your property, then the finders keep your property.

That's the way the Talmud sees it in Tractate Baba Metzi'a, 22B: "Whence do we learn that an article lost through the flooding of a river may be retained (by the finder)? It is written . . ." This rule is in the Code. A wider ruling is given in Baba Metzi'a, 24A: "If one rescues anything from a lion, a bear, a leopard, a panther, or from the ride of the sea, or from the flood of a river . . . it belongs to the finder . . ."

The Shulchan 'Aruch, H. M. Chapter 259:7 gives this ruling and adds that the rule is in effect "even if the owner stands screaming" that he is not giving up his ownership. This is undoubtedly the basis for the principle enunciated by the Gaon Rabbi Ephraim Oshry shalita.

But, here too, Rabbi Moshe Isserlies z.l. in his words that are incorporated into the Code says: "Still, it is good and just to return it, as has been shown earlier in paragraph 5." Then he adds that "even where the Din does not require us to restore the property, if the king or the Beth Din ordains that we should return it, it must be done . . ."

Top businessmen, politicians attend

Campeau gets BB Award of Merit

By
DAVID LEVY

Robert Campeau (left) with former Prime Minister Trudeau at B'nai B'rith event in Ottawa.

OTTAWA —

A Scot and an Irishman co-chaired a Jewish dinner-and-dance here last week at which an Award of Merit was presented to a French Canadian, when B'nai B'rith District 22 brought out over 500 top businessmen and politicians and their spouses to a $250-a-plate affair in the Skyline Hotel.

Receiving the Award of Merit for what was described as his "vital contribution to the growth of the Canadian corporate and business communities" was international real estate developer Robert Campeau. Co-chairman Alex MacIntosh, partner in the law firm of Blake, Cassels & Graydon, described the genial pioneer of modern Canadian mass housing — who built the best known office towers that transformed the capital's skyline in the early 70s, and whose skyscrapers now also dot the U.S. landscape — as "a man of tenacity and vigor with a secret desire to be a politician."

The second co-chairman of the black-tie event was Bank of Nova Scotia regional senior vice-president and general manager in Eastern Ontario, William H. McMillan.

The evening was a celebration of free enterprise and self-reliance as the way to create the greatest good for the greatest number. Tributes to Campeau's career held it up as an exemplification of the virtues of the capitalist system.

Jewish virtues were celebrated separately in a candlelighting ceremony at which 11 well known personages came singly and in pairs to turn on seven electric candles — each said to stand for a different Jewish virtue.

A blessing over the bread in both Hebrew and English, the singing of Hatikvah, as well as chopped liver canapes, small knishes and latkes at the cocktail reception and a lavish kosher meal with Israeli wines also communicated the flavor of Jewish life to a largely Gentile crowd.

The head table included, aside from those already mentioned, B'nai B'rith national president Harry Bick, Executive Vice-President Frank Dimant, B'nai B'rith Foundation chairman William Morris, Cindy Newman of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and Jonathan Abraham of Hillel.

The event was organized by a 60-strong committee made up of a who's-who of the business, professional and political community.

Campeau, an outspoken devotee of the private enterprise system, had given $50,000 to the B'nai B'rith Foundation Endowment beforehand.

This was the first time the B'nai B'rith Merit Award was made in Ottawa, the birthplace of Campeau's meteoric real estate career with his purchase of a modest Ottawa house with a $3,000 down payment.

In his acceptance speech, Campeau hit out at politicians in general for leading the country into its present gigantic deficit in their "frenzy from the 60s onward as to who was going to be the spender regardless of the consequences." Obviously having the defeated Liberals in mind, he also said he did not think that PC Finance Minister Michael Wilson had cured the problem either — "not by a long shot."

"I'm not against social welfare and redistribution of wealth," he said, "provided it's done rationally and on a fiscal basis."

He said we had no right" to mortgage the lives of future generations for our welfare today."

Former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau attended the pre-dinner cocktail reception "just to say hi," but left soon after arriving. Attending the dinner-and-dance, however, were retired Liberal leadership contender Jean Chretien, former External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp and other well known Liberals.

The highest-ranking Progressive Conservative in attendance was cabinet minister Barbara McDougall, the only politician to have been included among those participating in the candlelighting ceremony.

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Kage to deliver report at plenary

CJC Yiddish committee helps preserve language

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Joe Kage insists that he is not a "Yiddishist" and never was, yet it was his convening of a national conference on Yiddish in 1969 which led to the creation of the National Committee on Yiddish of Canadian Jewish Congress a few years later.

The theme of that conference was Why Yiddish — Let Us Reason Together, implying that there were more than sentimental reasons for keeping alive the 1,000-year-old language of European Jewry.

As Kage, who is today national vice-chairman of the committee, put it then: "I firmly believe that Yiddish has been and can continue to be one of the chief instruments in creating a bond between Jews and their Jewish traditions, and an important means of combatting the waves of deculturalization that represent a grave danger to Jewish life."

The main objectives of the National Committee on Yiddish include making "the entire Jewish community (aware of) the great role of Yiddish culture in the strengthening of 'Yiddishkeit' and Jewish identification," as well as to encourage the continuity of the Yiddish language.

From its headquarters in Montreal, the committee serves as a resource and referral centre for the training and recruitment of Yiddish teachers, assistance to Yiddish authors, and the organization of lectures and entertainment for groups across the country.

Open-air Yiddish festivals are held annually in the summer in both Montreal and Toronto. Last year, the Yiddish committee was a co-sponsor of a cross-country tour by two stars of Israel's Habimah Theatre, Lea Koenig and Zvi Stolper.

The committee acts as an umbrella organization to and liaison between Yiddish-speaking organizations across Canada. The committee represents Canada at meetings of the World Council on Yiddish and Yiddish Culture, which is based in Israel.

In the last three years, the committee has had its budget cut substantially and longtime executive director Sara Rosenfeld now does double duty as the director of the CJC National Holocaust Remembrance Committee as well. Canadian Jewish News columnist J.B. Salsberg of Toronto is the national president.

One of the committee's proudest accomplishments in the last three years has been the development of Mame Loshen and Friends of Yiddish groups, whose members are mainly second- and third-generation Canadians looking for a milieu to speak or brush up on their Yiddish.

Most knew Yiddish as children but do not use it regularly today and are not affiliated with any formal Yiddish organization. Their activities are largely social and cultural, and last November the groups held their first national gathering at a Thousand Islands resort.

These groups now exist in Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Winnipeg and other cities, and have memberships in the hundreds. In Montreal especially, this younger generation of Yiddish speakers is gradually taking over the leadership of the committee. The chairman of its Quebec Region, Dr. Hy Goldman, was, in fact, attracted to the Yiddish committee through Montreal's Mame Loshn group.

Another recent development was the creation of a foundation to assist projects related to the preservation of Yiddish. Named in memory of the late Jacob Zipper and Shloime Wiseman, principals of the Jewish People's Schools and Peretz Schools in Montreal, the foundation is intended to support literary, cultural and educational initiatives. For the present time, however, its assistance will be limited to Montreal.

The Yiddish committee has helped the World Council on Yiddish find new subscribers in Canada for a Yiddish book club. One hundred and forty Canadians are receiving by mail 14 recently published Yiddish books over a period of two years for $100.

The committee has also helped collect about 50,000 old Yiddish books which are donated to the National Yiddish Book Centre in Amherst, Mass., a repository for over 400,000 Yiddish books, many of them rare, out-of-print copies.

The committee has done some publishing of its own, too. In 1982, the trilingual Canadian Jewish Anthology was published by the committee and requests are still being received for copies.

The committee's latest publishing project is a French-Yiddish anthology which would contain a French translation of works by Canadian Yiddish writers, some whom rank among the best in the world. Government and foundation grants are being sought for this project.

"The purpose of the project," said Kage, "is to introduce this rich cultural heritage of Canadian Yiddish writing to French Canadians. Montreal has been a major centre of Yiddish literary and artistic creativity."

One of the areas of disappointment for the committee over the years, said Kage, has been the reluctance of most Jewish schools to include Yiddish in their curriculum. Nevertheless, the committee will continue to try to persuade educators to teach Yiddish.

At the CJC Plenary Assembly May 7-11 in Toronto, Kage will deliver a report on the future of the National Committee on Yiddish and Yiddish culture in general in Canada. He will remind CJC that the committee's financial means have already been curtailed, and any further budgetary constraints would seriously retrict its work.

No Algerian handshake despite Shultz's efforts

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Secretary of State George Shultz attempted some conciliatory diplomacy between Israel, a sworn Arab enemy of Israel, and the Soviet Union — with mixed results — at the recent funeral in Stockholm of Prime Minister Olof Palme of Sweden.

Premier Shimon Peres related the events to the cabinet which included a "meeting" with Talib Ibrahimi, the foreign minister of Algeria.

Peres said he was greeted by Shultz in the building where world leaders attending the funeral were housed. Shultz invited Peres into his suite, where he discovered that the secretary had a guest — Ibrahimi. He said the Algerian diplomat seemed extremely embarrassed when Shultz introduced them and encouraged them to shake hands.

The Algerian promptly denied any handshake with the Prime Minister of the "Zionist entity."

Peres told the cabinet that Shultz and former West German chancellor Willy Brandt, chairman of the Socialist International, both tried to arrange a meeting between him and the Russian president, Andrei Gromyko, who was also attending the funeral. But the Russians declined, saying there was not enough time for such a meeting, Peres said.

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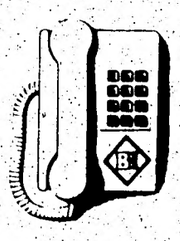

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Abdullah invited by Federation of Students

U of Waterloo Jews hit PLO man's appearance

By
RON CSILLAG

WATERLOO, Ont. — The University of Waterloo's small Jewish population was up in arms last week at the invitation to the school of Abdul Abdullah, the PLO's representative to Canada.

Abdullah, invited to the university by the Federation of Students — the student governing body — spoke for a half hour to about 200 students after a handful of Jews held a protest outside the hall.

Abdul Abdullah

According to Steve Naor, a graduate engineering student and senior advisor to the Waterloo Jewish Students Association, Abdullah was "extremely evasive" when it came to hard questions about Israel's right to secure borders and the PLO's record of terror.

Abdullah, Naor told The CJN, spoke in general terms about the PLO's "democratic" makeup and chastised the media for their "unfair" coverage of the organization.

A 44-year-old Palestinian from Jerusalem, Abdullah came to Canada in 1972 to set up in offices in Ottawa in order to try and influence Canadian foreign policy. Canada does not officially recognize the PLO.

Outide the hall just prior to the talk, about 30 Jewish students gathered and set up 30 symbolic tombstones, each printed with a date of a PLO terrorist attack and the number of victims it claimed.

"The issue here is not that of the need for Palestinians to air their grievances," Naor said. "Their grievances need to be aired but can be addressed by other invited speakers. The issue at hand is one of granting respectability and legitimacy to an organization that brings its grievances to the fore through acts of brutal violence.

"Mr. Abdullah's presence on this campus was a disgrace to the Federation and to the University."

But according to Sonny Flanagan, president of the Federation of Students, Abdullah was invited to present "both sides" of the PLO-Israel conflict.

"That's the mandate of our education commission. It's allowing free speech. We don't advocate anything the PLO does."

Flanagan said "practically every" speaker invited to Waterloo has met with some opposition.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origin over the past few years.

In a series of articles Mr. Catzman reports on his research. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto M4P 1P1.

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JAVITS

Jacob Javits, for many years a Republican senator of New York, died recently after a distinguished career in which he espoused liberal causes against the mainstream of his party's philosophy. His unusual surname merits comment.

Yavitz was a name coined by an illustrious rabbi, Jacob Emden. It was an acronym for Jacob (Yaakov) Ben Tzvi. The late Senator Javits added lustre to the name by his significant contribution to the progress of liberalism in the United States.

SAVLOV

I recently had a chat with my good friend, Lou Savlov, in the Primrose Club steam room and discovered that he was almost a "landsman." His folks came from a town in Latvia about 50 miles from Riga. Mine came from Dvinsk (now Daugaypils) about 100 miles down the Dvina River from Riga. Since he did not know the origin of his surname, I promised to explore it.

I have concluded that name is ZAVILOV — the son of Zavil (the suffix "ov" denoting a patronym as in Davidov, Rubinov, etc.). Zavil is authoritatively held to derive from the name Samuel. It may be a diminutive form of the Hebrew name Zeev ("wolf"). I prefer the former because Lou is neither little nor a wolf.

KARTEN

Matilda Grossman enquires about her father's name, Karten.

Karten is the Yiddish word for playing cards or sheets of paper, or parchment. There may, however, be an association with the name KORTNER, which is a tanner of goat skins.

Since the spelling and pronunciation undergo changes from time to time, it might be useful to search for documents which may desclose some deviation from the present name and explore further.

Finn offers to take message to Moscow

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Foreign Minister Paavo Matti Vaeyrynen of Finland ended a 3-day official visit to Israel last week with an offer to convey to Moscow Israel's desire to improve relations with the Soviet Union and to have emigration restrictions eased for Soviet Jews seeking exit visas to Israel.

The Finland embassy in Tel Aviv has represented Soviet interests here since Moscow broke diplomatic relations with Israel after the 1967 Six Day War. Finland maintains close relations with the superpower on its eastern border.

Vaeyrynen is the first Finnish foreign minister to visit Israel and, following his meeting with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, the foreign ministry announced that Shamir has accepted an invitation to visit Finland "in the near future." No date was announced.

Israel and Finland have sharp policy differences over the Middle East conflict. Vaeyrynen stressed to reporters here that his country supports an independent Palestinian state and inclusion of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Middle East peace talks. Finland, nevertheless, is interested in improving relations with Israel.

Vaeyrynen and Shamir discussed the situation in south Lebanon.

Bloomfield correction

It was erroneously reported in the March 6 issue that Neri Bloomfield would hand over the presidency of the Canadian Zionist federation to David Azrieli next month. In fact, under the agreement signed by Bloomfield and Azrieli in 1984, Azrieli will become CZF president on April 1, 1987. The CJN regrets the error.

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

A 3-man terrorist rampage on April 2, 1984, left 48 wounded in downtown Jerusalem. To a populace grown accustomed to hidden bombs, the deployment of armed terrorists was an ominous development recalling dark events nearly 40 years earlier.

The municipal post-1967 boundaries of Jerusalem, which look remarkably like a map of England, stretch roughly 20 miles between the city's airport to the north and Bethlehem to the south, and 10 miles between the Hadassah Medical Centre in the west and a group of Arab villages to the east. It is the main gateway into pre-67 Israel for thousands of Arab workers daily and the flow of commercial trucks between Jordan and the Gaza Strip. Its population of half-a-million is about equally divided between Arabs and Jews.

In predominantly Jewish west Jerusalem, an average of one bomb a day is spotted by ever-vigilant residents and police, and safely defused. Crowded locales are the most popular, such as rush-hour buses, Machaneh Yehuda market, the central bus station, and large bakeries. School guards often summon the bomb squad to check suspicious cars parked outside the gate.

Bomb making can be an individual or group effort. An extreme example of the latter was the discovery last year of a large cache of stolen gas cylinders — kept outdoors at most Jerusalem households for fueling stoves — in the Arab village of Shuafat just outside the Jewish neighborhood of French Hill; they were being converted into use for car bombs.

From time to time, a bomb explodes as planned.

The April 2 attack, which a PLO faction later claimed credit for, was different. Three West Bankers coordinated a bloody rampage on a bright chilly morning, at the height of the rush hour. They attacked indiscriminately with machine guns and grenades. Miraculously, no one was killed. Alert passersby became heroes as they helped police stop the terrorists.

The event was reminiscent of the dark days of World War II. Encouraged by Palestinian Arab leader Haj Amin Husseini, who vociferously supported Hitler's destruction of European Jewry, Arab terrorists mounted a bloody campaign to discourage the Jewish drive for independence. Local Arabs, nearby villagers, and infiltrators were organized by Husseini's cousin Haj Amin. His nickname, Abou Moussa, is perpetuated in anti-Jewish violence to this day. The campaign's fury was focused in Jerusalem. Hidden and thrown bombs, shootings and knifings grew as the call for a Jewish state resounded around the world.

The Jewish Agency, which condemned Jewish retaliation, itself fell victim to an Arab car bomb on March 11, 1948. Among the 13 killed was the guard who first noticed the suspicious vehicle and pushed it away from its original parking space just outside the Haganah command offices.

Jewish settlements along the roads into the city were blockaded by Arab villagers and irregulars. The British guardians of law and order were indifferent to the settlements' fate. Those to the south, east and north of Jerusalem succumbed to a violent end. The remaining link to the city's Jews, the road from Tel Aviv, received the bloodiest battering. Between November 1947 and April 1948, 296 Jews were killed on their way to and inside the city. But the Arab cry, "We will strangle Jerusalem," was not borne out.

Jews in the Arab section and parts of the Old City continue to be harassed and occasionally knifed or shot in the back. Jewish initiatives to build bridges with the Arabs are met by suspicion and contempt, and seem to have little effect on the incidence of violence. The April 2 attack signaled the escalation of a relentless campaign that started decades ago when the Jews began pressing for political independence, and will not end until they and their state are destroyed — at least according to the oft-stated wish of Arab intellectuals.

Hadane seeks to foster understanding

Israel shocks, confuses Ethiopians

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — When Yosef Hadane was growing up in Ethiopia, his grandfather spoke of Israel as literally a land of milk and honey and Jerusalem as something almost otherworldly. "He told us we would not have to work hard there, that everyone would have his own land, and with just a little work, he would have enough food for a whole year."

When many of the Ethiopian Jews finally realized their dream of reaching Zion, their joy was tempered by the practices of many of their fellow Jews, said Hadane, the Chief Rabbi of the Ethiopian Jews in Israel. Not only did the secularism of Israelis shock them, but even the fact that religious Jews, for example, eat hot food on Shabbat confused them.

The Chief Rabbinate's requirement that all Ethiopian Jews undergo a symbolic converson in order to remove any doubt about their Jewishness was the final straw for the Ethiopians. Hadane explains: "We were practicing Jews in Ethiopia for thousands of years. We were persecuted because we were Jews, for keeping the Torah and mitzvot.

"The Ethiopians sacrificed much to go to Israel, some of our children died on the way. When they arrived, they could not understand the suspicion about their being Jewish."

Hadane, who is in Canada until the end of March, is the only rabbi of Ethiopian origin in Israel. He was ordained in 1979 and, with the influx of the Ethiopians, appointed chief rabbi of the Ethiopian community of Israel, which now numbers about 16,000, by Israel's chief Ashkenazi and Sephardi rabbis.

Hadane was one of the first Ethiopians to make aliya in 1972, and is credited with playing a major role in the campaign to urge the Israeli government to airlift the Ethiopian Jews to Israel in Operation Moses.

Yosef Hadane (right), Chief Rabbi of the Ethiopian Jews in Israel, is seen with his father, Chief Kes Hadane, who was the community's spiritual leader in Ethiopia and is now also living in Israel.

Hadane says one of his main jobs is to bridge the cultural gap between the Ethiopian immigrants and modern Israel. It's a 2-way mission; Hadane speaks frequently to both his own community and other Israelis in an attempt to foster better understanding. Often he speaks in four or five absorption centres a day in his attempt to integrate his people into the mainstream of religious Israeli society while preserving their traditions.

Hadane, who learned English in school in Ethiopia, admits that he personally feels torn sometimes, particularly on the conversion issue. In an interview, Hadane would not commit himself except to say he believes "this problem can easily be solved through discussion with the chief rabbinate. It is important to understand each other, but which way the solution will be, I can't say."

Hadane, 37, also admits the Ethiopians' traditional kesim (priests) are looked to by many of the immigrants, especially the older ones, for spiritual leadership. In fact, his own father, who came to Israel five months ago, was the chief kes of Ethiopia and is having some difficulty adjusting to the diminishing of his status in Israel.

Outwardly, father and son probably exemplify the clash between Ethiopian and modern Israeli interpretations of Judaism. Photos show the elder Hadane to be a handsome man with a full beard in a white turban a silken black robe trimmed with gold braid. His son looks like a Lubavitcher with his black fedora, dark suit, trimmed beard and spectacles.

Yosef, as the eldest son, was heir to the kes dynasty. He actually trained to be a kes, but continued his studies at the Bet Midrash LaRabbanim in Turin, Italy for three years. The Marxist revolution ended his plans to return to Ethiopia as a rabbi.

In Israel, Hadane studied at the Kollel Torah veHora'ah in Tel Aviv for seven years, as a pupil of the former Sephardi chief rabbi Rav Ovadiah Yoseph.

One of the main purposes of Hadane's 3-week stay in North America (he went on to New York after Montreal and Toronto) was to find support for the Ethiopian Jewish Heritage Centre in Jerusalem. A group of 20 young Ethiopian men are learning the Torah and about their Israeli heritage in 3- and 5-year programs.

It is hoped that they will become the future spiritual leaders of the Ethiopian Jews, either as teachers or rabbis if they continue their education. In three or four years, Hadane thinks he will no longer be the only Ethiopian rabbi in Israel.

One of Hadane's tour sponsors is an organization called Amichai — Assistance for Ethiopian Jewry, which has members in Canada who have set up the Educational Fund for Ethiopian Jewry. Amichai's volunteers, many of them rabbinic students, are teaching daily shiurim and holding Shabbat and holiday programs at the absorption centres where Ethiopian olim are housed. Hadane is producing a series of videotaped shiurim in Amharic (the native language of the Ethiopians) with Amichai.

According to Hadane, the Ethiopians are in danger of losing any religious dimension in their lives if they do not find in Israel a replacement for the structured community life they were accustomed to in Ethiopia.

The real test of the Ethiopians' integration in Israel is yet to come though. Within the next few months, most of them will be leaving their absorption centre. About 500 families are already on their own. They are finding out that the milk and honey does not flow in Israel quite the way they had imagined.

Another reason for Hadane's visit is to thank the Canadian Jewish community for its help in the rescue of the Ethiopian Jews. But he is telling his audiences here, in synagogues and schools, that the task is not completed as long as nearly 10,000 Jews remain in Ethiopia, waiting to be reunited with family in Israel.

In Toronto, Rabbi Hadane spoke at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, which co-sponsored the event along with Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, Emunah Women of Canada, and the Mizrachi Organization of Canada.

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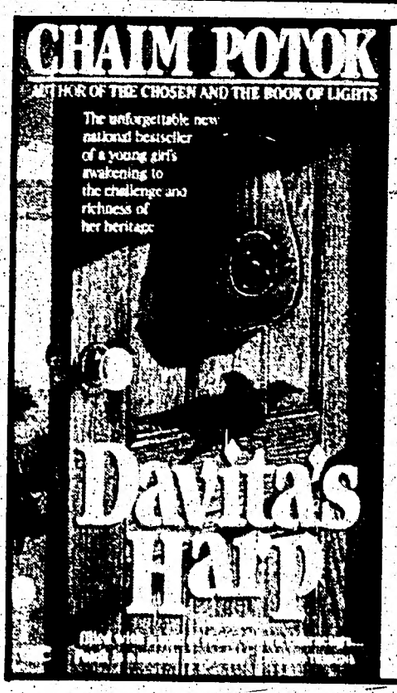
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Editorial

Unhappy situation

We take no pleasure in recording the disastrous events which have been plaguing Egypt in recent months. Five years ago, as Hirsh Goodman points out in The New Republic, thinking Egyptians were preoccupied with the consequences of the peace accord with Israel.

Today, these same cadres are concerned with what appears to be a steady disintegration of the social fabric of Egypt itself. The untangling process has been marked by incivilities such as the wanton murder of Israelis at Ras Burqa, and the riots which erupted after the suicide of one of the policemen convicted in the murders.

But nothing has been as calamitous as the unprecedented revolt staged last month by members of Egypt's Central Security Police. Prompted by rumors that their military service would be extended by a year, large numbers of these conscripts exploded in anger and for two days Cairo was a battleground.

When more than 3,000 police are arrested, (as they were), the presumption is that they are out of control. The presumption also is that Egypt is suffering from a deep-seated malaise.

Egypt, the largest of the Arab nations, is facing serious economic, political and religious challenges. Its economy cannot cope with the 45 million people who now populate the country — and the 1.5 million new mouths that arrive on the scene every year. Egypt, the land which was in biblical times the breadbasket of the Levant, has to import 70% of its food today.

The drop in the oil prices, a decline in tourism (a consequence of Arab terrorism), the upsurge of fundamentalist Islam and the concomitant radicalization of many, the unbelievably crowded living conditions in the country — these elements are contributing to the crisis in Egypt. An unhappy situation fraught with danger for Israel.

"Living archive"

Soviet Jewish emigres in the United States, now totaling more than 125,000, have provided valuable information to probers analyzing current Soviet society.

Almost 3,000 were interviewed recently by an American defence department group called the Soviet Interview Project.

Prof. James R. Millar, one of the people involved in the project, said that the emigres are a "living archive" of information about Russian culture and society.

Millar, of the University of Illinois (at Champagne-Urbana) indicated that the results of the interviews confirm much of what has been known about Russia. The interviews also revealed some interesting, lesser known facets of that country.

In the first category comes the observation that Soviet society is not classless; cleavages between the blue collar workers and the professional cadres are growing.

In the second category comes the revelation that it is the younger people in Soviet society who are disgruntled. They are beginning to chafe at the restrictions under which they live and the more educated they are, the more dissatisfied they become.

The survey of Soviet Jews also revealed that the majority of them did not emigrate because they were dissatisfied with communism but rather because of religious reasons or because of discrimination. Family reasons were also adduced.

In fact, when questioned about the relative merits of Soviet political practices and those in the United States a surprisingly large number expressed preference for the Soviet model. The interviewees indicated that health care was better in Russia; a smaller number said that government ownership of industry is preferable.

The Soviet Interview Project makes it clear that Jews living in the Soviet Union have no public quarrel with the political system in that country. They wish merely to be able to practice their religion and affirm their ethnic identity — something they cannot currently do there.

Can Mubarak hang on?

More problems beset Egypt

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak hasn't had much luck in the past few months.

Several crises have shaken his government at a time when Egypt faces a worsening economic situation and growing Islamic fundamentalist militancy.

Since October, Mubarak has had to weather the Israeli bombing of PLO headquarters in Tunisia, the Achille Lauro affair, the EgyptAir hijacking, the mysterious death of an Egyptian prisoner who killed seven Israeli tourists in the Sinai Peninsula, and the rioting by police conscripts which broke out in several Egyptian towns and cities in late February and early March and caused 117 deaths.

Israel's bombardment of PLO headquarters, combined with the embarrassing events surrounding the Achille Lauro incident, led to riots and demands that Egypt sever ties with Israel and the U.S. The interception by American combat jets of an EgyptAir plane flying Palestinian terrorists to a safe haven in Tunisia was a particularly uncomfortable moment for Mubarak, who bitterly described it as a "stab in the back."

But Mubarak, though personally humiliated, knew where to draw the line. The U.S. is a major benefactor, the provider of more than $2.3 billion in economic and military aid a year, without which Egypt could not hope to finance its $35 billion debt or its $9.5 billion worth of imports to keep the country's economy afloat and its stability intact.

Mubarak was also stung when an attempt by Egyptian commandos to free passengers in an EgyptAir plane in Malta went badly awry. But the fiasco, which resulted in the deaths of 59 people, was not altogether unique: In 1978, Egyptian commandos botched a rescue mission in Cyprus in which a leading Cairo newspaper editor was killed.

Late last year, Mubarak endured still more strain after a court sentenced an Egyptian border policeman to life imprisonment with hard labor for murdering seven Israelis on vacation in the Sinai, which Israel returned to Egypt in 1982.

Rioters who regarded him as a "hero" went on a rampage, and were further incensed by the subsequent news that he had "hanged" himself in his cell. The turbulence triggered by his death was symptomatic of the opposition Mubarak faces in retaining official diplomatic relations, cool as they may be, with Israel.

The rioting by 17,000 members of the Central Security Force, which erupted in the aftermath of a rumor that their length of service would be extended by one year, was indicative of the blatant inequalities which lie at the heart of Egyptian society.

Before the largely illiterate, vastly underpaid and Islamic fundamentalist-influenced rioters were contained by the army, they had laid waste to three hotels, dozens of nightclubs and shops, causing damage estimated at $75 million, and had forced the resignation of the minister of interior, one of Egypt's most powerful politicians.

Not since the 1977 "bread" riots had there been such a serious law-and-order problem in Egypt.

Observers do not think that these upheavals place Mubarak in any immediate danger of being deposed by his enemies. The armed forces, the chief pillar of his regime, appear loyal to him. But Mubarak cannot take anything for granted in a country where appalling poverty and fervent religiosity are breeding grounds for revolt.

Egypt, which is basically underdeveloped, suffers from the ills of many Third World nations. Its meager resources cannot accommodate its exploding population of 42 million, and the oil price slump has affected the most important sectors of Egypt's weak economy.

Egyptian oil revenues have plummeted, and Suez Canal tolls have decreased because Arab petroleum exporters have cut back shipments. Meanwhile, the $5 billion worth of remittances from Egyptian workers in Persian Gulf states are down because Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries have experienced budgetary difficulties and jettisoned labor-intensive construction projects.

Peasant class turns for relief to Islam

Tourism, which in recent years has generated much-needed foreign currency, has taken a nosedive as unrest has rocked Egypt.

According to the World Bank, Egypt has fallen well short of its economic goals. Gross domestic product growth and real investment have not met expectations. Inflation, though minor by Israeli standards, has risen. The Egyptian pound has lost its value against Western currencies and Egyptians have experienced a decline in their standard of living.

The Egyptian elite, contemptuously referred to as "fat cats," continues to do well. But, for the average Egyptian peasant whose mean annual income does not exceed $600, the economic setbacks of late have been disastrous.

In desperation, the peasant class, which comprises the bulk of the population, has turned for relief to Islam. And Islamic radicals, who were responsible for the 1981 assassination of Anwar Sadat, have exploited these tensions.

Yet the legitimacy of Mubarak's regime is threatened not only by religious fanatics. The threat, such as it is, also comes from leftists who resent Egypt's quasi-capitalist system and its ties with Israel and the U.S., and from bourgeois nationalists who voted

Hosni Mubarak... trying to survive

for the reconstituted Wafd Party in the 1985 election. Supported by merchants and professionals, the Wafd favors more free enterprise and less government intervention in the economy. On foreign policy issues, it supports closer Egyptian links with the Arab world.

However, the greatest challenge is posed by the Moslem Brotherhood, which personifies the allure of Islamic fundamentalism in Egypt today. A potent force in Egyptian politics, the Moslem Brotherhood has become even more powerful since joining the Wafd in a coalition in parliament, which is controlled by Mubarak's National Democratic Party.

In responding to Islamic fundamentalists, Mubarak has employed a carrot-and-stick policy.

The government has banned marches and demonstrations demanding the immediate imposition of the *sharia*, the 1,300-year-old legal code that bars banks from charging interest, prohibits alcohol and punishes crimes such as theft and adultery with lashings, stonings and amputations.

In addition, it has arrested Moslem extremists for having "instigated the people against the regime," and taken control of Cairo's biggest mosque.

And Mubarak has vowed to crush any group that tries to foment public disturbances.

But, in an effort to appease the fundamentalists, Mubarak has permitted four of their newspapers banned by Sadat to reappear. And, besides acquiescing to the Wafd-Moslem Brotherhood coalition, he has tolerated the acquittal of 174 Moslem extremists who were implicated in a bloody uprising that took place after Sadat's assassination.

Is Mubarak showing signs of weakness? Probably not. His concessions may merely mean that he has a keen appreciation of Islam and its place in Egyptian society, and that he does not want to burn his bridges to Egypt's influential Islamic fundamentalist community.

Islam's hold on Egyptians is plainly evident: Last spring, the Supreme Court struck down as unconstitutional a 1979 law opposed by fundamentalists that enhanced the right of women to sue for divorce and to gain custody of their children.

Then an Egyptian judge approved the confiscation of 3,000 copies of an unexpurgated edition of *A Thousand And One Nights*, an Arabian classic.

Meanwhile, parliament has agreed to "scientifically and systematically" review any Egyptian law that is inconsistent with Islamic law. And parliamentarians are expected to consider a law that would impose a fine on any Egyptian who eats and smokes in public during Ramadan, the Moslem holy month of prayer and dawn-to-dusk fasting.

Judging by these manifestations of loyalty to Islam, the public mood in Egypt seems to be shifting to the right. The question analysts ask themselves is whether Mubarak, a wily, cautious politician, can move in tandem with it.

So far, he has been quite adept in adapting himself to the temper of the times. But if he falters, his government may be hardpressed to survive any serious, lengthy test of will with the forces of Islamic fundamentalism.

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Opinion

New chancellor of Jewish Theological Seminary of America

Conservative leader Schorsch will try to be healer

By
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NEW YORK —

When Gerson D. Cohen announeed his desire to step down as chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, a post that carries with it the responsibility of being spiritual leader to 1.2 million Conservative Jews in Canada and the U.S., everyone said what the movement needed now was "a healer."

The decision to allow the ordination of women had caused a split in the movement and led to the creation of a splinter group, the Union of Traditional Conservative Jews. Memories were still fresh over an earlier split in the movement that had led to the establishment of Judaism's fourth branch, Reconstructionist Judaism. No one wanted that to happen again.

"One of the things that came out in the search committee was a hunger for healing, for reconciliation: I'm going to strive to do that," Ismar Schorsch, the 50-year-old rabbi and pre-eminent Jewish historian who will replace Cohen on July 1, said this week.

"I'd like to be remembered as somebody who brought this movement together," Schorsch added.

Schorsch believes that the current split can be turned into an advantage for Conservative Judaism, as long as everyone realizes there can be no turning back of the clock.

"The Conservative movement and the seminary responded to a moral imperative," he said of the women's ordination issue. "It was not the first action that was taken in the direction of expanding the opportunities for religious expression in the public arena for Jewish women. There were steps that preceded it and each step was taken amid bitter controversy.

"When the idea was first floated that we have to educate our girls just as seriously as we educate our boys, that was anathema to the traditionalists because girls were never given systematic Jewish education in the traditional community. That advance was bitterly resisted in the beginning of the 20th century when the Bais Yaakov schools were founded in Poland."

Another "bitterly contested" battle took place, the chancellor-elect said, when Jewish women began to demand a greater voice in communal affairs after the turn of the century. Mixed seating during prayer services was yet another contested departure from the tradition, but it is the prevailing practice in the Conservative movement today.

"The ordination question was simply the final step in the equalization of religious opportunity for men and women in Jewish life," Schorsch insisted.

"Like other departures from the tradition in this arena (women's ordination), has caused disagreement, unease," he said. "I think I can live with that disagreement because there is so much that binds us. Certainly, what the union stands for is what Conservative Judaism stands for — and that is a raising of the level of individual observance."

It is that issue — "how we get our laity to regard Jewish practice as seriously as its rabbis" — that Schorsch believes is the true crisis facing Conservative Judaism today, he explained. And that is how he sees creation of the Union of Traditional Conservative Jews as a potential advantage.

"That is a problem that the union is making us much more conscious of, and I think they will benefit the entire Conservative movement if they persist," he said. "And we will follow them. Their agenda is a correct one. I see the union staying within the Conservative movement and working hard to reestablish the priority of lay observance."

Raising the level of observance among the Conservative laity is "very high on my priority list," Schorsch said.

Dr. Ismar Schorsch

"It is a problem that is more serious for us than it is for the other two movements," he said. "I believe that there is greater consensus in the other two movements between rabbinate and laity as to what is expected of Jews, what the ideology of the movement is.

"That's not the case in the Conservative movement. The rabbinate is a practicing group of individuals, the laity is not."

Schorsch demonstrated his point by relating a recent experience.

"I was in a community over the weekend, a Conservative community of about 300 families," he began. "And I asked the rabbi, 'How many Conservative Jews are there really in your membership?' He said, 'Maybe a hundred families.' And then I said, 'Well, how many of them are Shomrei Shabbat and kashrut (observers of the Sabbath and of the kosher laws)?' and he said maybe one."

"That's the problem in a nutshell."

The problem is not an insoluble one, however, Schorsch insisted. People, he said, "are hungry for traditional religion."

"I think there are a lot of hungry Conservative Jews out there that we ought to be able to excite with ritual," Schorsch explained. "I don't think we have pushed it as imaginatively, as vigorously, and we may be a bit too self-conscious, too cerebral. It's time to put the mind aside, just celebrate the richness of the ritual itself.

"I'll give you an example. The reading of the Torah is a central ritual in Jewish life. It is a restatement, every time we do it, of the Covenant. That ritual ought to be done properly, and beautifully, and we ought not to talk it to death. We ought to let the power of the ritual radiate.

"Now, it can't radiate if you don't do it decently and we don't do it decently very often because we don't think it's so important; you've got to teach Torah, is the argument.

"But you don't only have to teach Torah. You have to ritually relive it. There has got to be an experiential dimension . . . I think we ought to emphasize again the ritual. There is a mystery to it. People have to experience it."

Beyond that, Schorsch said, "I think this is a movement of very powerful institutions that have to work a bit better than they have in the past. So I don't only want to heal, I want to coordinate. I want us to pool our resources. I want us to stop competing against ourselves.

"The Conservative movement, like any religious movement, is a series of institutions," he explained. "It is not the chancellor alone. There are some very solid institutions that run the daily affairs of Conservative Jews. Those institutions ought to work more closely together. They have the same goals, they share the same religious positions, (but) they have not always cooperated intimately and continuously.

"I think it is one of the functions of the chancellor to coordinate policy, to bring together the branches of the movement for the common cause of Conservative Judaism. That is a top priority for me as chancellor."

He pointed to the search process for the chancellor, which he said "established a beautiful model for cooperation within the Conservative movement."

"I was not selected by the (seminary) faculty," he said. "The search committee consisted of representatives from the faculty, members from the board, representatives from the Rabbinical Assembly, from the United Synagogue, from the Women's League (for Conservative Judaism). Every important branch of the movement was there and that was a common effort. I think we ought to replicate that in coordinating policy, in thinking through policy for the entire movement."

Schorsch also said that his selection as chancellor is a reaffirmation of the seminary's commitment to learning as the prerequisite for leadership.

"It could have selected another chancellor," he said of the search committee, "but it selected a chancellor who is very committed to scholarship and I made it very clear to the search committee that I will not abandon my scholarship... I want to emphasize scholarship. I'm going to preserve and develop the academic excellence of the institution. I think the seminary is the greatest resource of the movement and I want to start from strength and I think the seminary serves the movement best by producing highbrow and middle-brow scholarship."

Schorsch also would like to spread Conservative Judaism in Israel.

"We are the only Diaspora form of Judaism that has anything to say to Israel," the chancellor explained. "The Conservative movement has a religious commitment that is not alien to the silent majority in Israel."

As for the potentially divisive issue within the Conservative movement, that of patrilineal descent (the determination that a person is a Jew if his father is a Jew, a policy now accepted by Reform and Reconstructionist Jewry), Schorsch is adamant.

"I am opposed to it," he says pointedly. "I do not think that is the direction in which the Conservative movement ought to go. I think that it introduces a major cleavage on a fundamental question."

Schorsch is a graduate of the seminary, where it is said he excelled in its rigorous Talmud program. He is one of the most highly regarded scholars of Jewish history, specializing in modern Jewish history. He received his PhD from Columbia University. Gershon Cohen was his dissertation sponsor.

Schorsch has published extensively on modern Jewish history in general and European Jewry in particular. He is also considered the foremost historian of the Conservative Jewish movement.

He has been a member of the seminary's faculty since 1970 and served as dean of the graduate school, the largest of the seminary's four schools, from 1975 to 1979. He was provost, the chief academic officer of the seminary, from 1980 to 1984.

3 major tenets of movement are explained

Conservative Judaism has three tenets, explained Ismar Schorsch, chancellor-elect of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

• The first tenet is the acceptance of the outside world as a legitimate source of wisdom and experience.

"It is not the creation of God's counterpart," he said. "It is God's creation. It has its beauty and Jews are not supposed to behave like Nazirites [cut off from it]."

• A second tenet is Conservative Judaism's embrace of critical scholarship.

"Every generation is entitled to write its own midrash," he said. "What makes us Jews is that we write that midrash on the same text. It's not that we parrot the midrash of earlier generations . . .

"If you don't have midrash, then you can't exercise any inventiveness. You can't address the problems of your own age. There's no freedom. Midrash is an instrument of liberation without breaking continuity. That's the greatness of Judaism. So that's critical scholarship. Our critical scholarship is the midrash of the modern Jew."

• The third tenet, Schorsch said, is a loyalty to the tradition.

"A Jew expresses his religious experience in a halachic mode, and we don't repudiate that," he said. "We are not outside the halacha. We are not post-halachic Jews, we are halachic Jews. We may modify that halacha with more flexibility than some people might like, but we're grappling with that halacha. It took us 10 years to make that ordination decision. That's a sign that the halacha plays a big role in our lives. We could have made the same decision in six months and we didn't."

Statistics belie accusations against Israelis on W. Bank

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

Not long ago King Hussein of Jordan accused Israel of maintaining in the West Bank the most cruel and repressive occupation in history. Since his unsupported assertions have since been repeated and even elaborated upon with colorful adjectives, it is well that the facts be told. Indeed, his charges are given the lie even by members of the PLO who grudgingly concede that the Arabs in the occupied areas are enjoying progress and prosperity — but prefer to regard this as a nefarious Israel plot to lull the population into peaceful ways, and woo them away from war and terrorism.

Statistics often make dull reading, but one who reads with understanding can picture them in terms of dramatic human stories — of health, education, economic wellbeing and even happy home life.

First of all, in the matter of population. Under Israel's "cruel" administration, which certainly does not prevent those who wish to leave from doing so, the Arab population of Judea and Samaria has grown from 595,000 in 1967, the year Israel took over, to 640,200 in 1972, and 787,000 in 1984. Not all of this was natural increase, because it also includes Arabs from outside the area who applied for and received permission to take up residence there under the terms of family reunification. Israel's "tyrannical" rule was apparently acceptable to them.

Prior to 1967 Jordan ruled the West Bank like a colonial power, intent on keeping the natives subjugated. There were no universities, and applications to establish some were rejected. Under Israeli rule, on the other hand, four universities and three degree-granting colleges have been established, one after the other. In 1982 they had 8,218 students and in 1984, 10,280. Several of them are known as hotbeds of illegal activity leading to terrorism and calls for revolt. Israel has sought to reduce the intense political rivalries of embattled student campus groups, and to encourage peaceful pursuit of education.

In 1967 there were 530 schools, with 106,311 pupils. In 1984, with Israel's encouragement and assistance, there was a 50% increase in the number of schools and a 102.7% increase in the number of pupils.

When there was little or no local industry, there was no need for vocational training. In 1968 there were 198 graduates from such courses. With the pickup in the local economy and the development of domestic industry, previously frowned upon from Amman, the number increased. In 1969 there were 886 graduates of such classes, and in 1984, 2,923.

What about the little things that go to make life more comfortable? The figures are indeed illuminating. Jordan did nothing to encourage the extension of power lines, and in 1967 only 23% of the households on the West Bank used electricity for domestic purposes. That grew to 86% in 1984, and was reflected in the homes. In 1984, 75% of Arab homes had television sets, 51% had tape recorders, and 32% had washing machines. The latter two figures offer an interesting study in the setting of home priorities. In 1984, 80% of the homes cooked with gas or electricity, against only 5% in 1967. So much for cruel and repressive occupation.

Sharp rise in life expectancy

An authoritative report recently published by the Civil Administration of Judea and Samaria, and covering the period up to March 31, 1985, contains numerous similar instances of what has happened in the lives of the Arabs since the Israel flag replaced that of Jordan in the area.

Health and welfare and sanitation services have all contributed to a sharp rise in the life expectancy of the Arabs. In 1967 an Arab male in the West Bank had a life expectancy of 46 years(!), and the women folks, 50 years. In 1984 that figure had changed to 60 for males and 64 for females. It will not be long before the figure may increase to that in Israel: 73 years for males and 76 for females.

All down the line, the figures show an amazing improvement in almost every aspect of life for the Arabs in Judea and Samaria, evidence of what may perhaps be the most benevolent occupation in history — this despite the attempts of a handful of terrorists to disrupt daily life and create turmoil.

Opinion

Ariel Sharon: A stormy life in Israeli politics

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Ariel (Arik) Sharon, the Israeli minister of commerce and industry, may well be Israel's most controversial political/military figure.

As a professional soldier, he was combative, aggressive and innovative, to the point of alienating his fellow officers. As a politician, he has ruffled feathers by being outspoken, contrary, devious and ambitious.

In his twin careers, Sharon, never having been a conventional man who would leave well enough alone, has elicited extreme reactions from both his detractors and admirers.

Uzi Benziman, an Israeli journalist on the staff of Ha'aretz, has written an absorbing biography of Sharon. In *Sharon: An Israeli Caesar (Adama Books, $17.95)*, **Benziman provides a tour d'horizon of his stormy life.**

Born in 1928 on a moshav, Sharon was the son of Russian Jews — Samuel and Vera Scheinerman — who arrived in Palestine in the early 1920s. Samuel, a loner, was bitter and irascible. Vera was much more outgoing, and, unlike her husband, was not much of a Zionist.

Sharon, who changed his name years later, was shaped by circumstance. When he was only 6, Samuel gave him a club and ordered him to keep neighboring youngsters away from his fruit garden. From then on, feeling the need to be prepared against any external attack, he went around with an oversize club. The family was poor, and the meager diet they often subsisted on played a role in developing his appetite for large quantities of rich food.

During the War of Independence, Sharon was an extremely daring, courageous soldier who radiated a real sense of leadership. Benziman writes that he had a natural talent for reading a battle quickly and for exploiting the terrain to maximize his advantage.

Rather than study agronomy, as Samuel wished, Sharon decided to make a career out of the army. Benziman claims that the military was "an entire way of life" for Sharon, where he could give expression to all his skills, drives and desires. "It satisfied his deepest... emotional needs, bringing out his own natural abilities and enabling him to secure a position of prestige and recognition."

Sharon believed in force, and not in restraint, to curb Arab infiltration and terrorism. Childhood lessons had taught him that a show of moderation was construed as a sign of weakness by the Arabs.

After being placed in charge of a special commando unit established to deal forcefully with these phenomena, Sharon was put to the test. In October of 1953, following a series of killings of Israeli civilians, he led a force into the Jordanian village of Kibya. Sixty nine Arabs, half of them women and children, were killed.

The government, having expected a minor raid, was embarrassed by its ferocious scope. In December of 1955, Sharon carried out an assault against Syrian positions near the Sea of Galilee. The ensuing battle, which claimed the lives of 56 Syrians, was bigger than David Ben-Gurion, the Prime Minister, had intended. Indeed, Ben-Gurion commented that the action had been "too successful." Sharon also took part in a third raid on Egyptian positions. This, too, exceeded general expectations. Benziman writes that "the army and the government were being dragged along by Sharon's initiatives."

The troops under his command liked and admired Sharon, but senior officers with whom he worked saw him differently. They were of the opinion that his military initiatives were designed to meet his own personal needs and that he was ruled by an unbounded craving for adulation. They considered him overly ambitious, vulgar, dishonest, contemptuous of others, and unable to stomach criticism.

Sharon's difficult personality, Benziman says, got him into trouble, since the ill will he generated stalled his career. In the wake of the 1956 Sinai Campaign, during which he disobeyed a direct order, he was relegated to secondary positions.

In 1964, his "exile" ended when he was appointed commander of the sensitive northern front. During the Six Day War, at the battle of Abu Aguilah, Sharon was given an opportunity to display his considerable military skills — his "original strategic thinking, his courage and his ability for careful execution."

But 1967, besides being a year of triumph for Sharon, was also a year of anguish. Gur, his eldest son, was accidentally killed by a shot fired from his old hunting rifle by Gur's friend, Yaacov Keren. Sharon was inconsolable and blamed the tragedy on Keren. Whenever he passed by the Keren house, he would call out "murderer" and threaten him with arrest. The boy's distressed family turned to the chief of staff for help, but to no avail. Sharon continued with his intimidations, forcing the Kerens to move out of the neighborhood.

As always, Sharon assuaged his pain by throwing himself into his work. He supervised the construction of the Bar-Lev Line along the Suez Canal, despite his misgivings about it. In 1971, he cleaned out the terrorism that had been rampant in the Gaza Strip.

Benziman claims that Sharon's unrelentingly tough policies in Gaza were opposed by Yitzhak Pundak, the commander there. Pundak was of the view that Palestinian guerrilla activity could be eliminated through a program of improving the living conditions and material welfare of the residents. Pundak was overruled, but this was not the end of the story. Yitzhak Abadi, the commander charged with implementing Sharon's tactics, complained they were too severe and counterproductive as well. Eventually, he asked to be relieved of his commission.

On the eve of the Yom Kippur War, Sharon resigned his commission to enter politics. It was his dream to create a major right-wing political party that would "transform tthe country." Sharon flirted with Gahal, the opposition bloc in the Knesset. Benziman says he held Gahal's leadership in contempt, and viewed Menachem Begin, its leader, as a man divorced from reality. Nevertheless, Sharon consolidated his association with Gahal, Likud's predecessor.

The 1973 Arab-Israeli war interrupted his dalliance with politics. As a general, Sharon performed his tasks well, but his propensity to criticize his fellow generals in public raised his rivals' hackles. But he was not immune from criticism either. Some of his field commanders said he had seriously underestimated the Egyptians — his foes on the Sinai front — and seemed oblivious to casualties.

Amidst the clamor of the war, Sharon, who cultivated a gruff exterior, phoned his wife Lilly several times per day to tell her what was going on. He had married Lilly, his first wife's sister, after her death. Lilly wielded much influence over Sharon, Benziman says. After the war, when Sharon went back into politics, she became his chief advisor. Lilly, he adds, was the only person he fully trusted.

In the war's aftermath, Sharon was elected to the Knesset. But the daily grind of politics bored him. "It was a difficult period for Sharon, as his whole personality rebelled against this inactivity," Benziman notes.

Ariel (Arik) Sharon... fiercely ambitious

Sharon was not easy to get along with. Benziman says that Sharon was like a "raging bull," refusing to accept the rules of the game. He burst in with a "brutish style" that offended his partners, unable or unwilling to address his oppponents politely.

Frustrated, Sharon turned to the military, making an attempt to be appointed chief of staff. The position eluded him. In disappointment, he returned to politics, forming the Shlomzion Party. Fundraising now became one of his chief activities, although he loathed it. Benziman relates an amusing incident which must have chastened Sharon.

He flew to Los Angeles to meet with a potential backer. There was a lot of backslapping and conviviality, and Sharon left with a sealed envelope. When he got back to his hotel, he opened it and, to his chagrin and amazement, found a check for the grand sum of $25!

After joining Begin's Likud government as minister of agriculture in 1977, Sharon established a reputation in short order as an unruly member of the cabinet whose hunger for power and influence was unsatiable. Benizman suggests that Sharon used Begin's settlement policy to advance his personal political interests. But Benziman also points out that Sharon played a crucial role in the negotiations that culminated in the 1978 Camp David Accords by having convinced Begin to give up his cherished settlements in northern Sinai.

Benziman, however, is not charitable in his assessment of Sharon's tenure as minister of agriculture. He claims that two of his two most important decisions (increasing the resources devoted to the growing of flowers and expanding the poultry industry) "proved catastrophic."

The author has some interesting material on Sharon's rivalry with Ezer Weizman, whose defence portfolio he coveted. Sharon attacked Weizman on a personal level and on a professional one. Benziman goes as far as to state that Sharon's rivalry with Weizman was so exaggerated that his settlement activities in the Sinai were planned mainly to embarrass and confound Weizman.

Benziman minces no words when he writes of Sharon's involvement in the 1982 Lebanese war. He accuses him, Begin and Rafael Eitan (the chief of staff) of joining forces "to perpetrate a national deception the likes of which had never been seen in the State of Israel." Benziman says that Begin himself became a victim of Sharon's duplicity.

In short, Benziman does not believe Sharon's claim that the rush of events forced him to expand the war beyond a mere border raid. He shares the generally accepted view that Sharon planned it that way.

It is Benziman's belief that Sharon aspires to be Prime Minister. "His heart is still set on Israel's top political prize." He doesn't speculate on whether he can attain his goal. But Benziman observes that Sharon's "immense energy and stubborn zeal" are offset by his "parallel drive towards destruction, even self-destruction."

Although Sharon declined to be interviewed for his book, Benziman has managed to write a first-rate account of the man, the general and the politician. Until Sharon himself pens his memoirs, Sharon: An Israeli Caesar will probably stand as the best guide to this exceedingly complex personality.

Come visit Israel . . . for the fishing?

By
ELAINE KAHN

A news item on radio several months ago, which I never saw in the press, told of a very expensive federal government tourism study aimed at discovering what would lure Americans to Canada.

Mountains, moose and Mounties, it found, were no longer doing the trick — if they ever had. Yanks, the study learned, will come here only if we can give them the illusion of being in a foreign land fueled by play dough.

Several weeks later, we all learned that our government's solution was commercials showing, in part, lots of female bodies, briefly clad and sweaty or dancing with skirts pulled up. Apparently that's in short supply south of the border.

The idea behind these shots was, ostensibly, to convince Americans we have warm spots here between the snowfields. I remain unconvinced that climate was really what the commercials' creators were promoting. I suspect it was a more personal kind of Canuck coziness they had in mind. "Take my daughter . . . please" — or something like that.

These inappropriate bits in the commercials were not reconsidered or cut until a variety of women's groups complained. So much for my naive belief that there are also men out there who worry about exploiting women.

What bothers me most is the waste of our money involved in having the government dish out big chunks to support a Charter of Rights and groups that attempt to stop various kinds of degredation of women, while with the other hand using female tushies to sell the country (let's get prostitution off the streets and onto American TV . . . where it belongs?).

Sure, it's not the easiest thing in the world to make Americans excited about Canada. Canadians aren't even excited about Canada unless the Jays or Expos are winning. We once took American friends to a favorite Toronto hot spot, the McMichael Gallery, and were met with the yawning analysis that it's interesting how obsessed Canadians are with trees.

It's been said before that we undervalue the international perception of our country as calm, clean and safe. There are many countries in the world that probably envy us for that image. Israel is now considered such an exciting hot spot that, according to a recent letter from an Israeli tour guide friend, tourism has hit a new low. Too many people have been listening to Qadaffi rather than reading the ads featuring gorgeous Israeli women in swimsuits on stunning beaches (same tune as above, different ends).

In the interest of increasing tourism to both countries, with an emphasis on Israel because it's got the tougher problem, I suggest mutual aid. Our government can edit stimulating shots of Israeli soldiers into the commercials' spaces left by the excised warm Canucks with their dresses up. Israel could borrow our now hopelessly passe film clips of Niagara Falls, lumberyards and weathered men in plaid jackets with beers fishing by lakes.

Book your tickets early — I smell the makings of a hit.

FAMILY AFFAIR

Peter van der Vliet, Tel Aviv Hilton general manager, (centre) plays happy "godfather" at the recent brit milah of four members of a set of quintuplets. The boys' sister is seen at left. The hotel has been playing host to worthy causes as part of its 20th anniversary celebrations.

Opinion

Frightful picture stands before my eyes

Humiliation of Shamir is bad omen for us all

By
J. B. SALSBERG

(I apologize to you, my patient friends, for interrupting the Florida series for a week. It's due to a painful event that happened in Israel and that disturbs and oppresses my entire being. I will, hopefully, return to the Florida saga in a week.)

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J.B. Salsberg

Israel is bigger than all of its parts. Nevertheless, an unusual event in an important part of the political and social life of that country may cast an ominous shadow over the present and future of the entire Jewish state.

The political donnybrook that broke up the convention of the Herut Party was, in my opinion, such an event.

Conventions of major political parties in any country are no love feasts. They are often brutal. But in well-established countries such shocking events are usually taken in the stride of the affected society. But Israel is **not** a safe and solidly anchored state. It is **still** in an ongoing struggle for its very existence. When one of the major political parties of Israel, a party that recently governed the country, through a coalition that it dominated, and that shares the responsibility of running the country — when such a party explodes from within before the eyes of all Israelis and, indeed, the whole world, then one fears for the future of the miraculously reborn Jewish state.

The climactic tragedy of that violent convention was, in my view, painfully illustrated by the shocking picture that appeared in countless newspapers and the electronic media around the world showing Yitzhak Shamir's bewildered and dejected face as he was being led out of the convention hall by a number of his friends and supporters.

That frightful picture stands before my eyes. It seems to epitomize the tragedy that was played out on the floor and the stage of the convention hall. It was a display of wild, unbridled factionalism resorting to physical abuse and emotional savagery.

My mind, as it followed the convention reports, was seared by the pictures that emanated from it. Unconsciously I paraphrased the well known lines: the bells that tolled at the Herut convention also tolled for us . . . for all of us.

Let me make it abundantly clear that I never was and am not now a supporter of the national philosophy of Vladimir (Zeev) Jabotinsky, the ideologue and leader of the Zionist-Revisionist camp. Nor was I a political ally of Israel's former Prime Minister Begin, or of Yitzhak Shamir, who democratically inherited the mantle of Herut leadership from Begin and, automatically also, the high office of Prime Minister.

In the "national unity" government, formed after the last elections, Mr. Shamir is Prime Minister Shimon Peres' deputy and Israel's foreign minister.

Divisive policies

As an ideological and political supporter of Israel's Labor Party, whose leader is Prime Minister Peres, it would not be unnatural for me to derive some political satisfaction from the fractured and derailed Herut Party. But that is not the case. I not only fail to derive satisfaction from Herut's self-inflicted wounds but, instead, I am pained, yes, tortured by what has taken place. Why?

I see in the disturbing Herut convention scenes an ominous projection of Israel's future.

Is Israel heading into a future in which political demagogues will successfully exploit historically-cultural differences and still-lingering economic inequalities to further their political ambitions? Should this happen (heaven forbid) then Israel would surely become alarmingly similar to some of the Arab states that surround her.

Will the dangerously divisive policies of religious extremism be paralleled by an equally divisive and reckless extremism of the secular political right? Won't such a dark perspective lead to a Levantine Jewish comunity that will be separated by an unbridgeable gulf from the majority of the Jewish communities in the world?

Am I looking at the current Israeli scene through the darkest of glasses? I hope not, but I am frightfully worried. The picture of the dejected deputy prime minister of Israel and Israel's present foreign minister, Yitzhak Shamir, being led out of the convention of the party that he is the leader of; that picture casts me into a vale of gloom. How has it come to that?

I do not hesitate to say that my heart goes out to Shamir, with whom I disagree politically, for the blows that were directed at him and his defenders were, I fear, directed against all of us, against all who had and who refuse to depart from an age-old vision.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signature.

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LETTERS TO VIEWPOINTS

We have received a great many letters from readers regarding articles which appeared in the February issue of Viewpoints. As Viewpoints is a separate publication with its own editor, we have forwarded all the letters to him at the Canadian Jewish Congress in Montreal, the publisher.

If you have any queries about these letters, or if you want to comment on Viewpoints in any way, please write to William Abrams, the editor, at the CJC, 1590 Avenue Docteur Penfield, Montreal H3G 1C5.

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"KNEE JERK" ANTI-FEMINISM

Re Miriam Singer's March 13 letter headed "Spurns feminist idea pushers":

It was with great dismay that I read her response to the remarks of Dr. Susan Gross in a symposium as reported in your Feb. 20 edition ("Orthodox women prove they can have careers").

Knowing Dr. Gross personally, and having attended the symposium, I feel compelled to inform your readership that Mrs. Singer's remarks stating that Dr. Gross is lacking in Jewish education, commitment to Jewish values, or attachment to her community and roots, are utterly unfounded.

With regard to the issues addressed by Singer — i.e. the role of Orthodox women in society — I would hope that she does not represent all of Agudas Yisroel in stating that she does not "appreciate someone pushing feminist ideas . . . as an authentic Jewish challenge."

We are taught, "a wise person . . . is one who learns from all" (Pirkei Avot 4:1). The real challenge in Judaism is not to "resist foreign ideas," Mrs. Singer, but to separate the wheat from the chaff.

Surely, feminism, as expressed by some of its more radical proponents, can be found lacking in many values. But Jews will hopefully glean its positive aspects, as we have done with so many other philosophies through the ages.

Unfortunately, knee-jerk negative reactions such as Singer's can only hinder the efforts of Orthodox women to contribute to the Jewish community in public life.

Dov Weinstock
Toronto

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POWER NO FEMINIST BUZZWORD

I wish to respond to Miriam Singer's March 13 letter.

It is clear from her comments about my remarks at the Emunah Women symposium that she was unfortunately unable to attend. I would therefore like to englighten her about the full content and context of my address.

First, had she attended, she would have heard me clearly state my priorities — my family and my people first, followed by my career.

Second, the statement "I want something for myself," which suggested arrogance and selfishness to Mrs. Singer, was in reference to the satisfaction that women may derive from interests outside the home.

I did not suggest that such benefits are more important than one's home, but that it is possible to enjoy a career without adversely affecting one's family life. In this respect, it does not matter if one is male or female, a fashion designer or a supreme court judge.

Third, the issue of "power" was not used as a "feminist buzzword" (whatever that means), but was discussed with practical application.

Since Emunah and other Jewish women spend so much of their valuable time raising money for the community, perhaps they should have more input into the allocation of these funds, as well as access to similar areas of leadership and responsibility.

Finally, since Mrs. Singer spends more time questioning my "roots" and "values" rather than my words, I must say I am proud that I come from a great people which taught Midot (ethics) to the world; the prohibition against slandering fellow Jews in public is just one of these (for the finer halachic details I refer Mrs. Singer to Rambam's Mishneh Torah, Hilchot Dayot 7:2).

I realize that Mrs. Singer's remarks were prompted by her mistaken impression that I was attacking that which both of us hold so precious and dear.

I am also confident that the "frum women of Agudas Yisroel" that Mrs. Singer so desires to represent would never cast aspersions on one's Jewish background, knowledge, and love of Torah on the basis of a few excerpts from an address that, for the sake of brevity, could not be reproduced in its entirety.

Susan Gross
Toronto

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PROTESTERS' PARADE "DISGUSTING"

There has been a disgusting parade on Toronto's University Ave. in recent week. Toronto's Croatian community or its members have been demonstrating the deportation of Andrija Artukovic to Israel to face trial for the murder of thousands of persons during World War II.

Defence of Nazism is an abomination that is not to be tolerated.

If what is alleged is true, then Artukovic is responsible for the deaths of thousands. If our Croatian community is defending a mass murderer, then their moral and ethical standards are in a sorry state.

M. Zarnett
Toronto

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"BAT MITZVAHED" A YES-YES

Re Rabbi Elyse Goldstein's March 6 letter which you headed "Bat mitzvahed a no-no":

Rabbi Goldstein overlooks the power of a language to rejuvenate and to recreate. A classical example is the work of Ben Yehuda and the Hebrew spoken today in the State of Israel.

In my opinion, the offending verb "bat mitzvahed" characterizes perfectly today's wholesale procedure of mass bar mitzvahs or bat mitzvahs as social events supplanting the old-fashioned individual religious ceremony.

A welcome to every attempt to defossilize any language.

Dr. Julius Pfeiffer
Montreal

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Director Reva Lawry asks, not for donations, but ticket sales support for her Jewish Theatrical Productions Company.

IT'S "BUBBA MEYSE," SHE SAYS

I really appreciated Frank Rasky's excellent March 13 article on me headed "Yiddish theatre is Reva Lawry's sovereign passion" and subheaded "Plenty of chutzpah and sheer driving energy."

But I would like to make a correction.

As sole financer of Jewish Theatrical Productions, I was quoted as saying: "Though nobody in the company gets paid, I lost $2,000 on the production of *Come Blow Your Horn* last year. But that didn't bother me. . . ."

To let that stand is equivalent to perpetuating a *bubba meyse*.

What I meant to say was: "That doesn't *deter* me."

I believe there is a need for updated plays in Yiddish of a professional standard to be produced in Toronto. I also want Jewish Theatrical Productions to remain independent and I have not asked the Jewish community for donations.

However, I am asking for their support in ticket sales.

If Yiddish audiences here come to see at least one of our productions, and enjoy it enough to subscribe to our future shows, then I'll know we are a necessary asset to Yiddish culture here.

If not, then I'll know we are not, and I'll have to fold the company before I lose my shirt.

Reva Lawry
Toronto

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SO WHAT ELSE IS NEW?

Re your recent report that Chancellor Helmut Kohl acknowledges the danger that anti-semitism could recur in Germany:

So what else is new?

Paula Feigelsohn
Toronto

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PROFS ARE ISRAEL'S FRIENDS

Re Dr. Max M. Glassman's March 13 letter headed "Who needs such friends?":

I was saddened to read Dr. Glassman's misinterpretation and misrepresentation of what was said at the Peace Now meeting of Jan. 26. Canadian Friends of Peace Now is an organization 100% behind Israel.

But this does not mean that they support and endorse everything that the Israeli government does.

Prof. Aron Shai, a Sabra and veteran of four Israeli wars, is part of the democratic mosaic that is Israel. His unbending loyalty has been reflected in the important public relations work he is doing on Israel's behalf while on sabbatical leave in Toronto.

What Prof. Shai and Prof. Michael Marrus did that evening was to lead an honest, soul-searching discussion on Israel's situation and her future.

Israel's strength has always been her willingness to engage in self-evaluation and, where necessary, self-criticism — the classic example being the post-Lebanon-war Commission of Inquiry.

Some of Prof. Shai's statements were indeed painful, but, sadly, were true, and are held to be true by a not-insignificant minority in Israel.

Dr. Glassman, I fear, was so distraught by the honesty of the speakers that he has totally distorted what Shai said.

In a candid meeting of committed Zionists, all shades of opinion must be respected and allowed to be heard.

Dr. Glassman's most accurate comment was that Prof. Shai is not a "friend" of Israel — Prof. Shai *is* Israel, and that which is best about Israel!

Dr. David Mendelsohn
Toronto

World-National

Send support letter to U.S. Congress

Jewish coalition lobbies for help for Contras

By
DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Nineteen prominent American Jews have signed a letter to members of Congress urging support of President Reagan's request of $100 million in aid to the Nicaraguan rebels, known as Contras.

The letter which was sent to legislators last week shortly before the House voted 222-210 to reject Reagan's request, was organized by the National Jewish Coalition. The letter cited "the growing threat to U.S. strategic interests in Central America" from the Sandinista government in Nicaragua.

"Our concern is heightened by the increasing Soviet-supplied arsenal being accumulated by the Sandinista government in Nicaragua and the Sandinistas' willingness to export this weaponry to anti-democratic forces throughout Latin America," the letter said.

A spokesman for the National Jewish Coalition said the letter was sent to 200 senators and congressmen who were either undecided or opposed to the aid.

"We watched with dismay as Nicaragua's Jewish community suffered under Sandinista rule" until most had fled the country by 1981, the letter said.

"Prominent among the Sandinistas' allies are the PLO's Yasser Arafat and Libya's Qaddafi," the letter said.

The letter charged that "the anti-semitism in Nicaragua is a reflection of the repression inherent in the Marxist-Leninist society the Sandanista's seek to establish. Furthermore, the Sandinistas' ties to Libya and the PLO exemplify the support that the Managua regime gives to the world's terrorist groups."

The signatories stressed that "we support a negotiated settlement to this conflict. But we recognize that, at this time, unless the United States aids the democratic forces, the Sandinistas will continue to resist the estabishment in Nicaragua of a pluralistic, democratic society."

Among those signing the letter were: Max Fisher, of Detroit, Morris Abram, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry; Julius Berman and Jack Stein, both former chairmen of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; Richard Fox, chairman of the National Jewish Coalition; Rabbi Joshua Haberman of the Washington Hebrew Congregation and Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz of Adas Israel Congregation, both of Washington.

Also: Hart Hasten, president of Herut Zionists of America; George Klein and Gordon Zacks, both co-chairmen of the National Jewish Coalition; Ivan Novick, chairman of the board of the Zionist Organization of America, and Rabbi Morris Sherer, Agudath Israel of America.

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NEW YORK (JTA) — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith supports President Reagan's charge of virulent anti-semitism practices by the Nicaraguan government.

The ADL published a "white paper" describing the Sandinista persecution of Nicaraguan Jews, including the firebombing of the Managua synagogue, death threats and harassment and expropriation of property which led to the exodus of virtually the entire Jewish community of Nicaragua.

Abraham Foxman, ADL's associate national director and head of its international affairs division, said the white paper was being made public "to set the record straight, to answer published denials about the Sandinistas' treatment of the Jews."

Rabbi Balfour Brickner of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue here was quoted in The New York Times as saying that he visited Nicaragua twice since the Sandinistas took power and that he found no signs of anti-semitism and persecution against the Jews. He claimed that the few Jews in the country before the 1979 revolution that overthrew Anastasio Somoza Dabayle were linked to the deposed president and left the country on their own free will.

President Reagan, in a recent speech on television, charged that Managua's only synagogue had been "desecrated and firebombed" and that the entire Jewish community had been "forced to flee Nicaragua."

The ADL's white paper, in supporting the President's charges, said that the Sandinista persecution of Jews took place against a background of unremitting hostility to Israel and long-standing alliances with the Palestinian Liberation Organization and other anti-Israeli terrorist groups.

The ADL said it based its information on testimony from Nicaraguan exiles, on disclosures from an ex-Sandinista informant and on the investigations carried out by the agency during the last five years.

Israeli murdered by terrorists

Mubarak promises probe

By
HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Eti Tal-Or, the Israeli woman killed in a terrorist attack on Israeli personnel of the Israel Pavilion at the Cairo International Trade Fair last week, was buried in the cemetery of her home town, Beersheba, on Friday.

Her body was flown home on the El Al plane which returned Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir and the Israeli delegation to the Taba talks in Cairo.

Sharir said he brought with him a personal message from Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak to Prime Minister Shimon Peres, promising to press the investigation into the machine gun attack on the Israelis' car as it left the fair's parking lot. The killers were driving in two cars when they ambushed the Israelis' car. The assailants escaped.

The killers, calling themselves "Egypt's Revolution," sent letters to Western news agencies in Cairo after the shooting stating: "Our Nasserite avant-garde today answered back by sending the bodies of some members of Israeli intelligence Mossad to hell." The letter went on to condemn Mubarak for "accepting repeated insults directed against the Egyptian people by the American and Israeli governments."

Three Israelis wounded in the attack — two male diplomats and the wife of a third diplomat at the Israel embassy in Cairo — were reported to be in a satisfactory stable condition at the Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer where Dr. David Kreizler said all three had received satisfactory initial treatment at the Cairo hospital.

David Zruya, who had been hurt in the chest and in his left thigh, underwent vascular surgery in Cairo and does not require any further immediate operations.

Eti Yefet, 26, Eti Talor's friend, was hit by a bullet in her jaw, left shoulder and wrist, while Uri Ziv, 31 was hurt in both hands. Both underwent long operations at the Sheba Hospital.

During the two weeks the Cairo fair was open, prior to the attack, the Israeli pavilion had been a major source of attraction, and had been thronged by some 40,000 Cairenes anxious to pick up publicity pamphlets and brochures about Israel's industrial and agricultural technology.

Israel pavilion manager Yossi Peri reported that millions of dollars worth of orders had been placed with Israel firms during the fair.

The attack was the third against Israeli diplomatic officials in the Egyptian capital and the second to result in a fatality. Last August, Albert Atrakchi, an administrative attache at the embassy, was killed by unknown gunmen while driving through the Maadi section of Cairo. His killers were never found.

In June, 1984, Zvi Kedar, also an administrative official was wounded in the shoulder and hand. The assailants escaped. "Egypt's Revolution" claimed credit for all three attacks.

Pope to visit synagogue

ROME (JTA) — The Jewish community has welcomed the Vatican's announcement that Pope John Paul II will visit Rome's main synagogue next month.

But while this is viewed as an "historic gesture" which may well be the first papal visit ever to a Jewish house of worship, the feeling among Jewish leaders is that it will be up to the Pontiff whether the occasion is merely "symbolic" or contribute substantively to Catholic-Jewish relations.

"It could be a fantastic step forward," said Tullia Zevi, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, "or it could be a perpetuation of ambiguities." She was referring to certain fundamental issues that remain unresolved after more than 20 years of Vatican-Jewish dialogue that began after Vatican Council II in 1965.

The chief Vatican spokesman, Joaquin Navarro Vallis, announced at a press conference that the Pope's visit would take place in the afternoon of April 13. He said it would be the first such visit in living memory, though he could not be certain it would be an historic precedent.

The Jewish community, in statement, expressed its "satisfaction at the decision of Pope John Paul II to visit the synagogue of Rome," adding that "this will mark an important step in the direction of an ever more rewarding dialogue."

The Rome synagogue was the scene of a traumatic event in October, 1982, when worshippers were attacked by Arab terrorists

UN prevented access to war criminal files

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on the CROWCASS document as suspect number 79/724 of the UNWCC. According to the WJC, Waldheim's listing by the now-defunct commission means that there should be a case file on Waldheim among the approximately 40,000 such files contained in the commission's records.

Those records have long been in the custody of the UN, and access to them — even by UN member-nations — is permitted only by special permission of the UN secretariat.

On March 6, the WJC released documents, including a 1980 letter from the U.S. justice department to examine these files in connection with the war crimes investigation it was conducting in this country.

According to the justice department, the UN never did make the files available to U.S. authorities; nor did the UN accede to a request for access made at the same time by the Hellenic Foundation, an organization of Greek Americans that was conducting research on Nazi crimes in Greece.

Multiculturalism means business

"We must find ways of ensuring that all Canadians play their full economic role, for not only is equality of opportunity a basic social principle, but also it is essential to our economic well-being."

Otto Jelinek
Standing Committee on Multiculturalism, November 26, 1985

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Ottawa asked to expand support for ancestral language programs

Possible federal cuts worry education conference

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Serious concern about possible budgetary cuts by the Multiculturalism Minister Otto Jelinek was expressed at the recent National Education Conference, attended by 550 teachers, administrators and lay leaders of Jewish schools across Canada.

The sole formal resolution passed at the 3-day conference urged Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Jelinek to not only maintain, but expand, support for third language, or ancestral, language programs.

Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, who put forward the resolution, said the concern stems from press reports that the multiculturalism department may soon announce major reductions in its funding of a variety of educational and research projects.

Although he had no figures at hand, Witty said that the Canadian Jewish community is receiving substantial funding for Hebrew and Yiddish classes in day and supplementary schools, as well as for the development of teaching materials and professional development programs.

(The multiculturalism department contributed $25,500 toward the National Education Conference. Jelinek was scheduled to speak during the conference, but Laval member of Parliament Guy Ricard replaced him.)

The theme of the conference, held at the Bonaventure Hilton International Hotel, was Jewish Education in a Multicultural Society. However, most of the conference's heavy schedule dealt with the more tangible issues of finances, teacher/administration/parent relations, and making Judaic studies relevant and attractive to young Canadians.

One of the recurring sentiments voiced throughout the conference was that school lay leaders and the community as a whole has little understanding of the plight of the educator and are more concerned with "the bottom line" of the schools' ledgers.

As conference co-chairman Shimshon Hamerman, vice-principal of a Montreal elementary day school, said, "There is a feeling that the status of the educator is not highly valued... As a result, there is not much incentive for young people to enter this field."

Jewish schools in Canada are relying too much on importing teachers from the outside because there is little encouragement, or funding, from the community for Jewish teacher training.

The conference, coordinated by the Canadian Zionist Federation, was the third of its kind. Other sponsors were Canadian Jewish Congress, the Jewish Education Council of Montreal, the Federation of Teachers of Jewish Schools of Montreal and the Boards of Jewish Education in Toronto and Winnipeg. The gathering also received a $2,000 grant from the Ontario ministry of citizenship and culture.

Delegates also attended from small Jewish communities — Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, London, Windsor, Kitchener, Ottawa and Moncton. At a round-table discussion among these delegates, most wanted more contact with the heart of the Jewish community in central Canada, but a more coordinated approach.

"It's very confusing when representatives of every organization come to our school, each doing their own thing. It could be streamlined," said Claude Oppenheim, principal of the Calgary Hebrew School.

Fabian Gorodzinsky, chairman of the board of the London Community Hebrew Day School, said he often feels he is working in a vacuum and would appreciate clear information from the national Jewish organizations on grants available from government and private foundations.

Large or small, representatives of all communities worry about funding for their Jewish schools. Provincial government funding is increasingly being seen as a mixed blessing at best in some cities, most notably Montreal.

Stephen Lipper, a past president of the Association of Jewish Day Schools of Montreal, painted a grim picture of the consequences of the Quebec government's comparatively generous subvention of Jewish day schools.

While the grants were the impetus to the rapid growth of the day school system in Montreal during the 1970s, said Lipper, the costs of meeting the required increased hours of French instruction, coupled with "soaring" teacher salaries, account for about 40% of those grants, which now total $12 million annually.

The Montreal federation, Allied Jewish Community Services, of which Lipper is a vice-president, is now reviewing its position of government funding of the day schools. He said in the past AJCS advised the schools to seek the maximum funding for reasons "political rather than pedagogical."

This position also has saved AJCS a lot of money; the Montreal federation spends one of the lowest amounts proportionally on Jewish education of any North American Jewish community, he said.

In Winnipeg, the existence of Hebrew schools within the public system is beginning to pose a threat to the private Jewish day schools.

Sidney Halpern, chairman of the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education, said that the situation is such that there is little difference in the number of hours of Hebrew at the public school bilingual heritage language bilingual programs and the private day schools. The big difference is that the public schools are free and the day schools are charging an average tuition of $3,200.

It's becoming more difficult to convince parents to enrol their children in the day schools, he said, and this task is likely to get harder. At present, the public Hebrew school goes only to grade 4, but will continue to expand to grade 6 or 7.

One of the main speakers, Hershel Fried, founder and dean of the New York-based Jewish Centre for Special Education, reminded those present not to lose sight of what should be the goal of Jewish education, in the midst of other political aspirations and economic pressures.

That goal should be a Jewish education rooted in Judaism's sources and accessible to every child in the community regardless of his abilities.

It was decided to hold the next National Education Conference in the fall of 1988 in Toronto.

Sandra Brown (left) of Toronto, Shimshon Hamerman of Montreal and Evelyn Katz of Winnipeg were co-chairmen of the recent National Education Conference, bringing together over 500 Jewish day school teachers and officials. [Howard Kay photo]

More priority urged for Jewish subjects

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

The results of a nationwide survey of Jewish day school teachers and principals indicate that such subjects as Hebrew, Torah, and Jewish laws and customs should be given a higher priority in the development of future curriculum.

At the same time, the survey said that educators, at least at the elementary school level, were generally satisfied with their teaching material for those same subjects.

The survey demonstrates that educators will have to meet to begin "talking tachlis in terms of funding and implementation of the findings," said Rabbi Mordecai Zeitz, chairman of the National Advisory Committee on Jewish Education of Canadian Jewish Congress. "We have the expertise and the talented people, we must harness them," Zeitz added.

A summary of the survey report was tabled by Zeitz and Montreal Education Resource Centre director Shlomo Simon during a workshop here of the National Education Conference.

The survey was conducted over a 2-year period in nine major cities across Canada in "mainstream community schools" with 108 elementary school and 40 high school educators participating.

Results were tabulated separately for primary and secondary schools.

The questionnaire was divided into three categories:

Part A asked educators to measure their satisfaction with their specific teaching materials, ranked from 1.0 for lowest to 5.0 for highest satisfaction.

Part B dealt with school subjects which educators felt needed curriculum development. A score of 3.0 reflected the highest perceived need for priority treatment.

Part C asked which factors (teaching tools) were most important in curriculum development.

Low response rates were dropped.

Educators answering part A expressed most satisfaction, both in elementary and high school, with teaching materials for Torah, liturgy, Navim (prophets), and Mishna, all scoring above 4.0.

Low response rate

The next most satisfactory teaching materials were those for instructing reading and writing, Hebrew literature and language, Israel and Zionism, and Jewish laws and customs, scoring in the mid-3's.

Least satisfactory were history and Yiddish reaching materials, rated by elementary school educators at just around the 3.0 mark, although history fared better (3.42) in high school. Yiddish also has a very low response rate (1.0).

At the primary school level, subjects that rated high priority were Hebrew language (2.23), Torah (2.22), reading and writing (2.20), laws and customs (2.08), and liturgy (2.00). Educators were more satisfied with the current priority of Navim (1.93), Hebrew literature (1.86), Israel and Zionism (1.79), and History (1.66).

Priorities for secondary school educators for future curriculum development were Hebrew language (2.33), Jewish thought (2.28), Hebrew literature (2.15), History (2.14), and Navim (2.00). Rated as not needing more priority were laws and customs (1.87), Torah (1.80), and Israel and Zionism (1.25).

Yiddish was an unusual case. It received the highest primary school score for priority development (2.75), yet barely qualified for survey inclusion with only eight respondants. Yiddish teaching materials were also deemed the least satisfactory.

Both primary and secondary school educators, in answer to part C, deemed preparation of teachers' guides, integration of subjects within Jewish studies, and preparation of learning materials as most important in terms of usefulness in curriculum development.

Based on the survey's findings and an informal show of hands at a conference workshop, the advisory committee will recommend that regional meetings be organized in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, "to review areas of expertise and interest so as to begin implementation of developmental material priorities by the survey."

Whatever is done on a regional basis, Zeitz said, "will have national implications for our Jewish educators."

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Organizations and People

Palme followed Arab-Israeli dispute closely

Peres joins in the tribute to slain Swedish PM

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres joined scores of world leaders in Stockholm recently to pay tribute to Olof Palme, the assassinated Swedish premier.

Palme, gunned down by an unknown assailant at the end of February, led Sweden from 1969 to 1976. Defeated by a centre-right coalition in 1976, he and his Social Democratic Party regained office in 1982.

That Peres went to Stockholm is hardly surprising. Despite policy differences, Israel and Sweden have had cordial relations. And Sweden has played an important role in Middle Eastern affairs that predates Israel's emergence as an independent Jewish state.

A vocal critic of American foreign policy, Palme had more than merely a passing interest in the Middle East.

He was the United Nations' special mediator in the Iran-Iraq war, which has been raging now for nearly six years.

And, partly because Sweden participates in the United Nations Interim Force In Lebanon (UNIFIL), he followed the course of the Arab-Israeli dispute more carefully than most statesmen.

In the tradition of Scandinavian politicians, Palme believed that the conflict between Israel and its Arab neighbors had to be solved through dialogue.

In an attempt to facilitate Arab-Israeli talks, Palme invited Yasser Arafat, the PLO chieftain, to Stockholm in April of 1983 for what turned out to be a 25-hour visit.

Palme, in an interview with The Jerusalem Post shortly afterwards, explained: "We felt that by inviting Arafat we could strengthen the moderate elements in the PLO... We are not ashamed of it at all, and in fact I even think it was worthwhile."

Alluding to what he had discussed with Arafat, Palme said: "In the long term I think we brought home the message that recognition of Israel is a precondition for any settlement, provided of course that Israel also recognizes the rights of the Palestinians."

Palme denounced as "very stupid" the unwillingness of the PLO to extend recognition to Israel. As he told The Jerusalem Post: "If anything, it strengthens the hardliners in the Israeli government. It is a totally useless position not to recognize Israel."

In Palme's view, the PLO was part of "the existing reality" in the Middle East and was also "the most representative organization of the Palestinian people."

Still and all, Palme did not *officially* recognize the PLO. On the eve of Arafat's arrival in Stockholm, there was a debate in the Riksdag, the Swedish parliament, on a motion by the Communist Party demanding acknowledgement of the PLO as "the only representative of the Palestinian people at negotiations about the establishment of a Palestinian state."

The motion would have been adapted if the Social Democrats had supported it. Instead, they blocked it, saying that Sweden only "acknowledges states."

It is not clear what role Palme played in the debate. But Palme, notwithstanding his personal sympathy for the Palestinians, was not uncritical of the PLO. He urged it to follow the road of peaceful negotiations, claiming the PLO had "probably been mistaken" for having rejected the Camp David peace process, and advised it that "violence will never lead to a satisfactory solution."

Olof Palme

Sweden, in line with the rest of Europe, was very critical of Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

Palme equated it with the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, and likened Israel's actions in Lebanon to those of the Nazis.

In spite of these harsh words, Palme always made it clear he was not condemning Israel as a society. Like the majority of his fellow Swedes, he was sympathetic to Israel's existence. "So many of us were really raised with this tremendous sympathy for Israel," he said in an interview with an Israeli journalist. "People breaking land, finding a home for a persecuted people."

Israel and Sweden established diplomatic relations in 1950 but did not exchange ambassadors until 1957.

Before the advent of Israeli statehood, Sweden served on the United Nations Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP), which recommended the partition of Palestine.

Count Folke Bernadotte, a member of the Swedish royal family, was the UN's first mediator in the Arab-Israeli dispute. His assassination in 1948 by a member of the Stern Gang caused a wave of revulsion throughout Sweden, and may account for the fact that nine years elapsed before an Israeli-Swedish ambassadorial exchange.

Dag Hammarskjold, the Swedish secretary-general of the UN, was instrumental in setting up a force to police the Sinai Peninsula in the wake of the 1956 Arab-Israeli war.

Other Swedes besides Hammarskjold who have been intimately involved in the Middle East have been Gen. Carl Van Horn, the former head of the UN Treaty Supervision Organization, and Gunnar Jarring, the UN Mideast mediator in the years immediately prior to the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Throughout Israel's existence, the Swedish Social Democratic Party and the Israeli Labor Party maintained cordial relations.

The relationship between Israel and Sweden deteriorated somewhat with the accession to power by Menachem Begin in 1977.

However, there was tension before the Begin period, Sweden being critical of Israel's settlement and retaliatory policies and of its refusal to acquiesce to a Palestinian entity or state.

Olof Palme, until his untimely death, enunciated these criticisms consistently, and because he was a world-class statesman, they cut quite deeply in Israel.

For Japanese Canadians only

Apology proposal studied

By
JEFF ROSEN

OTTAWA —

The federal cabinet is currently examining a proposal to apologize to Japanese Canadians for mistreatment during World War II and not to any other ethnic group, according to multiculturalism minister Otto Jelinek's office.

Despite a recent story in The Canadian Jewish News, quoting The Globe and Mail, stating that an apology to Japanese Canadians may be part of an overall apology to Jews, Ukrainians and Chinese, press officials in the minister's office claim Jelinek was misquoted by the Globe and that any apology will be directed to Japanese Canadians only [CJN March 13].

Barbara Malone said the cabinet is currently examining a number of options in this area.

Milton Harris, president of Canadian Jewish Congress, told The Canadian Jewish News that there should be an apology from the Prime Minister to the Japanese-Canadian community, supported by an all-party resolution in the House of Commons for the government's treatment of the Japanese community during the war.

"We can't wait for a consensus from the Japanese-Canadian community," said Harris, calling it a Canadian, rather than a Japanese-Canadian issue. "All Canadians, not just those of Japanese ancestry, have a stake in expiating the terrible wrong which we have committed against a highly visible minority of our fellow citizens."

In a letter to Jelinek, Harris said that Congress has always advocated that material compensation should be in the form of memorialization. This would include establishing a senior citizens' home for the survivors and elderly Japanese Canadians, where they could live out their lives in a facility that caters to their cultural needs.

Harris said that CJC favors the funding of a human rights foundation, whose sole mandate would be to address the problems of visible minorities.

Plenary sign-up under way

MONTREAL —

The registration and credentials process for Canadian Jewish Congress' 21st Plenary Assembly at Toronto's L'Hotel and Convention Centre May 7-11, is well under way organizers say.

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Organizations and People

Organization wants more traditional halachic Judaism

Jewish lifestyle advocated for Conservatives

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO — The Conservative Jewish tradition must be made accessible to Jews and its practices "returned to the home" if the movement is to survive, says the executive director of an organization promoting traditional halachic Judaism.

Most Conservative Jews are "leading a Jewish-style life as opposed to a Jewish lifestyle," said Ronald Price, executive director of the Union for Traditional Conservative Judaism.

"We want to remedy that situation — to create a Conservative community that is increasingly living a traditional Jewish lifestyle," said the 36-year-old rabbi who was in Toronto recently for five days to promote the union and speak on the future of the Conservative movement.

To do that, the union — based in Mount Vernon, NY — is attempting to educate Jews on the Conservative tradition and restore it as a guide to daily life.

It has been holding educational symposiums on Judaism and three months ago launched the Kashrut Initiative, a toll-free telephone line for U.S. Jews to get information on the dietary laws of keeping kosher. Price hopes to set up a similar line in Canada. He also wants to raise funds for a video library and create retreats for intensive Jewish courses.

The union, made up of more than 300 rabbis and more than 2,500 lay families, was formed in 1983, replacing the Halachic Fellowship.

Since its formal beginning last June, the union has sought to become a representative of traditional Judaism in the Conservative movement. It has also given traditional Jews a place to "hang their hats," striving to become an alternative focus of authority of such institutions as the leading New York-based Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

"I believe we can not only become an important voice in the Jewish community, I believe we can become *the* voice of what I would call moderate traditional Judaism," said Price.

"We will be the voice of those Jews who both live in the secular world and maintain traditional Jewish lifestyles."

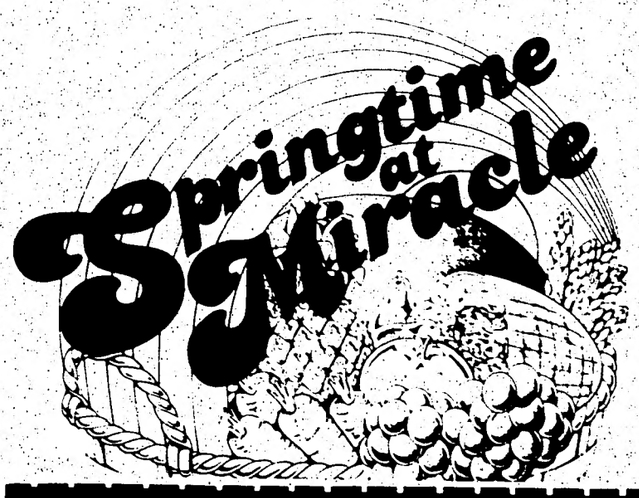
Price said many Jews do not adhere to Conservative Jewish tradition and laws. The situation has reached a crisis, raising fears the movement could eventually disintegrate.

"Statistics show very clearly adherence to Jewish tradition within the Jewish community has slumped," said the rabbi who recently spent a year in Vancouver as spiritual leader of the Congregation Beth Israel.

For example, a study done by the seminary seven years ago found that of 18,000 first-generation Conservative families, less than 39% of their married offspring were affiliated with Conservative synagogues. Forty per cent had no affiliation at all.

The union, operating on a "shoestring" budget of $150,000 (U.S.), already has its hands full responding to the demand for information on traditional Jewish practices, Price said. Hundreds of people have contacted the toll-free line and the union's overall membership has more than quintupled in the past nine months.

Price said he is hopeful his union will be able to turn around this decline and attract new followers to the traditional Conservative movement. He said he believes the union has already had an effect, although he pointed out changing people's lifestyles "doesn't happen overnight."



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By MIRIAM CHINSKY

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Sunday, March 30

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Eugene Orenstein, assistant professor of Jewish Studies at McGill University, will address the Yiddish Culture Council at 8.30 p.m., Sunday, March 30, in the Workmen's Circle Auditorium, 471 Lawrence Ave. W.

Prof. Orenstein will be considering the One Hundredth Birthday of the Famous Yiddish Novelist, Joseph Opatoshu.

Admission is $2.50 per person, and everyone is welcome.

Just Another Bad Day? A free Symposium on Learning Problems, sponsored by She'arim Day School, the Board of Jewish Education and Parents Council of Hebrew Days Schools, is scheduled for Sunday, March 30, 9.30 a.m.-2.30 p.m., in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., 4th floor.

Lunch is available if ordered in advance. Phone She'arim Day School, 633-8247.

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Alderman Ben Nobleman (Ward 1, City of York), will zero in on The Spadina Expressway Fiasco, during his address to Beth Sholom Tallis and Tefillin Breakfast Club, Sunday, March 30.

Services are at 9.30 a.m., breakfast follows, and the program starts at 10.30.

TELEM PANEL DISCUSSION

North American Jewry and its Responsibility to Israel, will be the subject for a panel discussion slated for the next gathering of Telem, the Movement for Zionist Fulfilment. This program takes place 8 p.m., Sunday, March 30, in Jerusalem Hall, 788 Marlee Ave.

Refreshments will be served.

Telem is a non-partisan Zionist movement stressing aliya as its highest priority. For further information about activities call 787-3484.

RUMMAGE, BOOKS, FLEA MARKET

It's a Rummage Sale, Book Sale and Flea Market, to be sponsored by Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood, 55 Yeomans Rd. (six blocks south of Sheppard, 2 blocks west of Bathurst), Sunday, March 30, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Monday, March 31

EMUNAH FASHION SHOW

A Spring Fashion Show and Tea under the auspices of Emunah Women of Toronto is planned for Monday, March 31 at 8 p.m. in Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Ladies fashions by couturier **Chez Moi,** and children's fashions by **Elen Henderson,** will be featured.

Refreshments are to be served and door prizes awarded. Cover charge is $15.

All proceeds go to Emunah projects in Israel.

For further information call 635-9847.

JEWISH PEOPLE WITH DIABETES

You are particularly encouraged to attend a Passover Education Meeting for Jewish People with Diabetes, Monday, March 31 at 8 p.m. in the B'nai B'rith Centre, 15 Hove St. (Bathurst and Sheppard area).

Speakers are **Rabbi Howard Sacknovitz** and **dietitian Beth Duviner.**

For more details contact **Esther Schwartz,** 782-2176.

PASSOVER MELODIES

Learn to sing the Passover music at a Passover Melodies Workshop, Sunday, March 31 and April 7, at Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview Ave. in Thornhill.

To inquire further phone 889-2252.

PRE-MENSTRUAL CYCLE

You are cordially invited to attend an evening with **Prof. Ruth Kurts,** who will examine the social and cultural aspects of the menstrual cycle and the possible relation of Pre-Menstrual Cycle to women's biologcal cycles.

Join Beth Sholom Sisterhood on Monday, March 31 at 8 p.m. in the Gerald Schwartz Auditorium of the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W.

Admission is $1 for members, $2 non-members.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

The Jewish Community Centre of Toronto in conjunction with Red Cross, is holding a Blood Donor Clinic, 2-4 p.m. and 5.30-8.30 p.m., Monday, March 31 at the JCC, 4588 Bathurst St.

Registration is in the front lobby.

For more information contact **Joanne Morris, 636-1880, ext. 233 or 278.**

Tuesday, April 1

FREE LEGAL CLINIC

The Advocacy Centre for the Elderly will hold a free legal clinic on Tuesday, April 1 from 1-3 p.m. at St. Clair West Seniors' Services Centre in St. Matthew's United Church basement, 729 St. Clair Ave. W., one block west of Christie.

This is for housebound low income seniors in the City of York.

The program starts at 1 p.m. sharp with a legal education presentation on Grandparent Access., and the free legal clinic runs from 1.30-3 p.m.

Free transportation is provided.

To make an appointment at the clinic or to reserve transportation, call 657-1204.

NEW FRATERNAL JEWISH ASS'N

Prof. Elaine Newton, co-editor of Mirror of a People, will speak on The Canadian Jewish Experience Through Literature, at the next meeting of the New Fraternal Jewish Association, 8.30 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 120 Overbrook Pl., Suite 107.

Admission is free and the public is cordially invited.

ALUMA CANADIAN ISRAELI CLUB

Dietitian **Deborah Czernecki** will talk about Nutrition, when Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets in the Wagman Centre Fireside Lounge, Tuesday, April 1 at 7.30 p.m.

For more information call **Ephraim Dloomy,** 449-7836.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group will meet on Tuesday, April 1 at 8.15 p.m. in the boardroom of the Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St. The study portion will be Amos, chapters 5 and 6, with **Rabbi Irwin Witty.**

The group operates under the auspices of the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council. To inquire further, telephone 635-2883, ext. 151.

Wednesday, April 2

CANCER PANEL

The incidence of unrelieved pain in cancer victims has become a major health issue. To promote a greater understanding of pain control and patient care, Centre Stage Forum and the Palliative Care Foundation are co-sponsoring a panel discussion, 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 2, at the St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front St. E. Moderator is **Dr. Howard Seiden,** family physician and Toronto Star columnist.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

For additional information call 362-7041.

COTLER SPEAKS AT OSGOODE

McGill University **Prof. Irwin Cotler,** former president of Canadian Jewish Congress, will focus on Defending Political Prisoners: Scharansky and Mandela As A Case Study, when he addresses the Osgoode Hall Jewish Students Association at 12.15 p.m., Wednesday, April 2 in the moot courtroom, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University campus.

This gathering is open to the public. To inquire further call 667-3141.

MANIC-DEPRESSIVE MEETING

At the next meeting of the Manic-Depressive Association of Metropolitan Toronto, 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, April 2 in The First Unitarian Church, 175 St. Clair Ave. W., **Dr. William Davies** will explore The Manic-Depressive Dilemma.

Self-help meetings are held the third week of the month at several locations. For information call 486-8046.

DYSAUTONOMIA FOUNDATION

Dr. Aser Rothstein, Director of Research, and **Dr. R. McInnes,** Associate Professor of Pediatrics, both at the Hospital for Sick Children, will speak about The Importance of Research and The Future of Genetic Diseases, at the Dysautonomia Foundation's annual Spring Meeting, 7.45 p.m., Wednesday, April 2 in Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave.

Toronto and Tikvah Chapters of the organization invite members, friends and guests to attend.

Refreshments will be served. For more details call 636-7924 or 636-4971.

FORMER REFUSENIK TO SPEAK

Everyone is welcome to hear former Refusenik and rabbinical student **Leonid Feldman,** currently studying at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, who will talk on From Marx to Moses: A Personal Odyssey of a Refusenik, at 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 2, in Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

This is under the auspices of The United Synagogue of America.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Karen Gray will explain the conservation of

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11TH MILLION DOLLAR NOTE

For 11 consecutive years, David and Sandra Anisman (centre) have organized the purchase of a State of Israel Bonds' Million Dollar Note through a Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation Monte Carlo Evening. Assisting them in their endeavors are (left to right) James Graff, project co-chairman; Alex Eisen, Bonds associate chairman; Rabbi Joseph Kelman and Sydney Himel, Beth Emeth president.

ENDOWMENT FUND

David Wm. Brown presents his parents, Al G. and Shirley Brown, with the contract for the endowment to the United Jewish Welfare Fund Endowment Fund, which he and his sister, Golda Brown-Krakowsky, have initiated in honor of their father's birthday.

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fabrics and textiles, concentrating on contemporary items, when she addresses the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 2, in the Youth Lounge of Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Bring items of your own for discussion on how to treat and mount them.

TEHILLA MEETING

Tehilla, the Union for Religious Aliya, is holding its next meeting 8.30 p.m., Wednesday, April 2, at 52 Elmridge Dr.

Aliya - Family Ties Across the Ocean, will be the topic.

All are welcome to attend. To inquire further call 781-2987.

Thursday, April 3

SPECIAL EDUCATION FORUM

What's So Special About Special Education - Do We Really Need It? will be examined at a public forum sponsored by The Integration Action Group, 7.30 p.m., Thursday, April 3 at OISE, 252 Bloor St. W., Room 211.

An open discussion follows the panel of educators who will be expressing their views.

This is free and open to everyone. For more information call 661-9611, ext. 242.

And What Else Is New...

WANTED - FOR UJA MARKETPLACE

Boutique owners, craftsmen, artisans, etc., are wanted for the United Jewish Appeal Walk for Israel outdoor festival "marketplace" on Sunday, May 18. This takes place at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., ll a.m.-4 p.m.

Call **Julea Gasner,** 635-2883 as soon as possible to reserve space for the display and sale of your wares and for more detailed information. Space is limited.

JIS ACCOMMODATION REGISTRY

Jewish Information Service invites homeowners with vacant rooms or basement apartments to register with its Accommodation Registry. Individuals wishing to share 2-bedroom apartments may also telephone.

To register your facility call (from 9.30 a.m.) Monday through Friday, 635-5600.

The Accommodation Registry is a free community service. JIS is a department of Toronto Jewish Congress.

NCJW DESSERT DEMONSTRATION

Simcha Branch, National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, presents A Selection of Desserts, with **Sue Devor** of Sweet Sue Pastries, at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St., 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 8.

Admission is $8 with the opportunity of winning door prizes. Demonstrations and recipes will be offered.

For further information, contact Council House, 633-5100, **Diane,** 497-9770 or **Isa,** 731-8549.

FORMER VIEWMOUNT STUDENTS

Did you attend the Viewmount Folk Shule 1949 to 1963? Lists of students at the Viewmount Branch of the Jewish Folk Shule were destroyed in a fire, and the committee planning an Anniversary and Reunion Celebration April 18, 19 and 20, is anxious to replace them to ensure that all former students are given the opportunity to participate.

The celebration will include all those who attended the Jewish Folk Shule - Cecil, Euclid and Viewmount branches, Borochov School and Bialik Hebrew Day School.

If you attended the Viewmount branch, please call **Nadine** at 783-3346 (office) or **Ann** at 781-9494, to help complete the lists, and plan on joining in this "once in a lifetime" celebration.

HAGGADAHS FROM SHAARE ZEDEK

The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation has received several hundred lovely Haggadahs printed in Israel which are being offered to the public at $2 each, with a receipt for tax purposes provided for orders of $10 and over. Proceeds will go to the Neonatology Intensive Care Unit at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, Jerusalem.

For additional details call 781-3584.

JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Tel-Aide Jewish Distress Line volunteers are available to listen if you are lonely or troubled, or having difficulty making a decision.

Volunteers staffing phone lines have all taken an extensive training course, and are well qualified to listen.

Please call 636-9610 Monday-Thursday, until 10 p.m.; until 4.30 p.m. Fridays; and starting at 1 p.m. Sundays.

Tel-Aide is a call-in service only, and is sponsored by Toronto Jewish Congress.

AT TEMPLE EMANU-EL

Temple Emanu-El welcomes you to a musical program, Love Songs by Jewish Composers, featuring **Cantor Tom Schwartz** and **Leslie Schwartz,** accompanied by music director **Amy Gilbert.**

At Temple Emanu-El's Annual General Meeting the following officers were elected; **Karen Sanders,** president; **Richard Levinsky, Janice Segal, Carol Tator** and **Brenda Waltman,** vice-presidents; **Sam Sarick,** secretary; **Peter Myerson,** treasurer.

Temple Emanu-El, 120 Old Colony Rd., Willowdale, conducts services at the following times: daily minyan - Monday to Friday at 7.30 a.m.; Sunday and statutory holidays, 8.30 a.m. Shabbat services are Friday night at 8.30 and Saturday morning at 10.30.

To inquire further, call the office at 449-3880.

PASSOVER SERVIETTES

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, is pleased to announce that complimentary Passover recipes will be available with every purchase of World Jewry serviettes. These dinner napkins can be purchased at selected supermarkets during a Passover blitz beginning April 8. They will also be available at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. and numerous specialty stores.

All proceeds will fund Council's World Jewry projects.

For more information call 633-5100.

EITZ CHAIM PARENTS

Eitz Chaim Parents Association invites the community to hear **Rabbi Aaron Fried,** founder and dean of The Jewish Centre of Special Education in New York and Jerusalem, explain the statement, Behavior Management Fosters Self-Esteem in Children. This is scheduled for 8 p.m., Sunday, April 6 in Torah Emeth Synagogue Banquet Hall, 1 Viewmount Ave.

Admission is $3, and refreshments will be served.

JEWISH STUDENT FEDERATION

Entertainer **Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach** will appear as a guest of the Jewish Student Federation at a Post-Purim Party, Thursday, March 27.

For details call 667-3647.

KREATIVE KIDS PRE-SCHOOL

Kreative Kids Pre-School is now accepting registration for September, 1986.

French, Hebrew, Apple IIC Computer and Kindergym are included in the daily activities.

Registration is in Concord Community Centre at Dufferin and Highway 7. There will be a second pre-school location at Avenue Rd. and St. Clair.

For details, call 731-7386.

JEP PRE-PASSOVER SEMINARS

JEP/Ohr Somayach Tanenbaum College is offering its annual pre-Passover seminars: Do It Right On Pesach Night. This series, which is slated for Mondays at 8 p.m., March 31 through April 21, will present both practical and philosophical discussions surrounding the observance of Passover. Location is Beth Jacob High School, 410 Lawrence Ave. W.

Admission is free and talks are open to the community.

For further information contact JEP at 787-1681.

AT SHAAREI TEFILLAH

Tickets are available for Shaarei Tefillah Congregation's Passover seders to be held in the shul, 3600 Bathurst St., 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, April 23 and 8 p.m., Thursday, April 24.

Cost is $33 per person for adults, $24, children under 12 years.

Call 787-1631 for more details. Everyone is welcome.

On Sunday, March 30, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation is sponsoring a special breakfast following 9 a.m. services. The breakfast will observe the Yahrzeit of the Ostrovtzer Rebbe.

All friends of the Ostrovtzer community are invited.

For additonal information call the synagogue, 787-1631.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Cancer Clinic affiliated with Sunnybrook Medical Centre at Bayview and Lawrence Ave., is an out-patient treatment centre. Volunteers work in an attractive modern facility as receptionists, greeters and escorts for patients attending the clinic.

Caring sensitive adults offer an essential support service for staff working in the clinic. If you would like to be involved with this challenging project, please call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

CHASSIDIC JEW

Rabbi Dale Gottlieb, former professor of analytical philosophy at Johns Hopkins University, currently senior lecturer at Ohr Somayach Tanenbaum College in Jerusalem, who frequently addresses contemporary issues from a traditional perspective, became a chassidic Jew while studying at Brandeis University. He will be in Toronto April 4 and 5 for a number of lectures sponsored by Ohr Somayach/JEP. On Saturday night April 5, he will speak on Passover and Freedom. For further information phone 787-1681.

WORLD AFFAIRS DAY

Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Ontario Branch, presents it World Affairs Day, Focus on Two Fronts - On Woman of (In)Dependent Means and Global Concerns, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesday, April 9, at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

For information on registration and detailed programming, call **Margo Grosbein,** 633-1796, before March 31.

SHALOM VILLAGE

Here is a list of April activities at Shalom Village, 70 Macklin St. N. in Hamilton.

Thursday, April 3 at 7.30 p.m., the Jewish Philosophy series continues with **Rabbi Morton Green** speaking on Messianism in Judaism.

Children from Anshe Shalom Temple will sing and dance at 11 a.m., Sunday, April 6.

Wednesday, April 9 at 7.30 p.m., The Golden Horseshoe Band will entertain. This is the evenings residents kick up their heels and have a great time.

At 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1 and 15, there will be a Yiddish and Hebrew singalong with **Rachael Goldstein.**

Hearing Loss will be the subject when a speaker from the Canadian Hearing Society addresses residents on Thursday, April 10 at 2.30 p.m.

A dance group from Studio 33 will help residents celebrate April birthdays on Simcha Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16, at 2.30 p.m., **Ferdie Caletto,** a clinical therapist, will explain Depression in the Elderly.

Jewish Philosophy continues at 7.30 p.m., Thursday, April 17, with **Rabbi I. Silverman** talking about Passover.

A special Men's Breakfast, is slated for 9 a.m., Sunday, April 20. At 2 p.m., residents can enjoy the piano music of **Syd Levy.**

Family, friends and people from the community are welcome to be present on Monday, April 21 at 7.30 p.m., for a beautiful evening of music with an ensemble from the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra.

Monday, April 28 at 2.30 p.m., residents are invited to join **Linda** and spin the wheel of fortune for fun and prizes.

Regular programs will be held as usual. These include Mosaic Tile with **Carol Smith** and **Anna Lalli;** Current Events, **Mark Nagler;** Special Readings, **Karen Beer;** Circle of Friends, **Lester** and **Carol Krames;**, Ceramics, **Anne Glucksstein;** Monday and Thursday Bingo with **Newly Howard** and **Lily Liebovitz;** Exercises, **Bernie Burg** and **Sam Langsner,** also Craft Programs and Saturday Night Movies.

NEW PREMISES FOR NER ISRAEL

Ner Israel Yeshiva moves into new premises at 8950 Bathurst St. in Thornhill on Sunday, March 30.

To celebrate this auspicious occasion there will be a special 10 a.m. program at the old campus, 625 Finch Ave. W.

Rabbi Uri Mayerfeld will conduct a Siyum Hashas and two alumni members will deliver short addresses.

Sifrei Torah will then be carried to the new campus.

Rabbi Naftoli Friedler, Rosh Hayeshiva, will give the inaugural address.

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RUMMAGE SALE

The grade 8 class of Or Haemet Sephardic School recently held a rummage sale. Proceeds went to the school yearbook as well as to needy institutions in Israel. From left to right are student customers Isaac Cohen, Michael Vaturi, Marc Vaturi, Ambrosio Benudiz and student salesperson, Smadar Queroub.

FCM RECEPTION

Alderman Ben Nobleman (left) of the City of York, is seen with Governor-General Jeanne Sauve at a recent reception for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in Rideau Hall. Beside Mme. Sauve is her husband, Maurice Sauve. Alderman Nobleman, who is serving his 20th year as Ward 1 alderman in York, was elected recently to the board of directors of the FCM, which represents Canadian cities from Newfoundland to the Northwest Territories. He is also first vice-chairman of the Large Urban Section of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and will become chairman at the annual conference in Kingston in June.

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Refreshments will be served in the new dining room.

Set aside Sunday, June 22 at 1 p.m. for the official dedication of Ner Israel's new campus.

MEMORIAL POEM

A memorial poem, Their Quest Will Go Forward, written by **Martin Kramer** to honor the Challenger space shuttle astronauts, was read at a recent meeting of The American Club held at the Inn on the Park. An earlier space poem by Kramer, Hi There, was published in The Canadian Jewish News.

JF AND CS ON TODAY'S WOMAN

A 4-session discussion group series on Today's Woman, Challenge of the Mid Years, is planned by Jewish Family and Child Service For Wednesday, March 26, April 2, 9 and 16, 10.-11.30 a.m. - 1.30-3 p.m., in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., 6th floor.

Fee is $25 for the series.

For further information and to register, call 638-7800, ext. 290/292.

SHAAR SHALOM SCHOOL

Shaar Shalom Religious School of the Conservative Synagogue Movement, will operate in two locations, Zion Heights Junior High, 5900 Leslie St., and at Thornhill Secondary School-St. Luke's Separate School, 160 and 167 Dudley Ave. in Thornhill (Clark Ave. and Yonge St.), commencing in September.

Classes are held for junior kindergarten to grade 8.

Curriculum includes Hebrew, Bible, prayers, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, holidays, music, Israeli folkdancing.

For registration and consultation, call the principal, **Joseph Klinger,** 884-9730.

PESACH AT HOME

Learn How to Celebrate Pesach at Home, is a 2-part Passover workshop to be held at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.

At the first session, 9.45 a.m., Sunday, April 13, **Rabbi Lawrence Troster** will explain Laws of Pesach, and cookbook author **Sandra Temes,** will describe how to Make Your Seder a Relaxed and Exciting Event, with an exciting cooking demonstration and new ideas.

The second session, 10 a.m., Sunday, April 20, features **Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg** and **Cantor Paul Kowarsky,** in How to Conduct Your Seder, with demonstrations, explanations and song.

To inquire further call 781-3511.

COLLECTIBLES/GIFT SHOW

Toronto Women's ORT is organizing a Collectibles and Gift Show 86, at Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Ave., Sunday, September 14, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Space is available for vendors.

For more specific information contact the ORT office at 787-0297, or call 223-9153.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Parents can join their children in an afternoon of hand clapping, feet stamping and singing with **April Kassirer** and **Susan Marcus** of the CBC show, Mr. Dressup, at a Children's Concert, presented by Temple Har Zion Nursery School, 7360 Bayview Ave., 2-3 p.m., Sunday, April 13.

For tickets, at $3.50 each, phone 889-2252. Your admission ticket offers the chance to win one of the numerous door prizes.

Refreshments will be available.

Following the show, there will be a craft sale in the Temple foyer from 3-5 p.m. Browse through fine costume jewelry, sweatshirts, toys, etc.

KOFFLER FILM SERIES

The Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St., is screening a Thursday film series, free and open to the public, entitled Major Movements in Modern Art, 12.30-1.30 p.m.

April 3 is Futurism and Dada; April 10, Germany - Dada: An Alphabet of German Dadism; April 17, Gertrude Stein: When This You See Remember Me.

On March 27, there is a special concert by music department faculty members, **Lino Varano** and **Karen Rymal,** playing works by **Purcell, J.S. Bach** and **Albinoni.**

For more information call 636-2145.

MARKVILLE ANTIQUE SHOW

Dealers from as far away as London and Paris, will participate in the Antique Show-Sale at Markville Shopping Centre, Highway 7 and McCowan Rd., April 2-5.

Remembrance of Things Past, features formal and country furniture, jewelry, sterling, Victorian glass, fine china, etc. Admission is free.

Hours are Wednesday, 6-9.30 opening night preview; Thursday, Friday , 9.30 a.m.-9.30 p.m.; Saturday, 9.30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Bring a family treasure to be identified by experts from the Royal Ontario Museum free of charge, Thursday, Friday, 6.30-8.30 p.m. and Saturday, 1-4 p.m. only

INDOOR TENNIS LESSONS

Improve your tennis skills now. Indoor lessons are available for children, adults and family groups beginning April 12. Various levels are offered at all seven high school locations in North York. The cost for eight sessions is $35/individual and $70 for eight family lessons.

For more information call North York Parks and Recreation at 224-6268.

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S CAMP

Camp Adventure is a summer recreational program offered by North York Parks and Recreation Department for multi-handicapped children ages 2-6.

The camp will be held at Faywood Public School, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-2.30 p.m. and it runs from August 5-28. Cost, $178, includes transportation.

To obtain an application form, call North York Inter-Agency at 226-5505.

NATIONAL HEALTH WEEK

Theme for National Health Week, April 1-7, sponsored by The Health League of Canada, is The Nation's Nutrition: Feast or Famine. Two public forums are scheduled in the main auditorium of The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

The first forum, Hunger In Our Midst, is Tuesday, April 1 at 7.30 p.m.

The second forum, the Great Weight Debate, is set for Thursday, April 3 at 7.30 p.m.

In addition, on Sunday, April 6 at 1 p.m., psychologist **Albert Ellis** will speak at Oakham House, on a Rational-Emotive Perspective of Peace to coincide with the celebration of peace declared by the United Nations.

COTA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

COTA (Community Occupational Therapy Associates) is a registered charitable organization and a non-profit health care agency offering its services to disabled people in their homes and communities throughout Metro Toronto. The aim is to improve the quality of life and independence of clients.

Volunteers are urgently needed to help meet these goals. A friendly visit a few hours once a week can enrich the life of one who is lonely or isolated due to a disability; it can provide relief for families caring for a chronically ill member.

Each volunteer is in regular contact with a therapist and volunteer coordinator.

If you have some time to share, please call **Gill Fleming** at COTA, 485-6384 (after April 11, 785-8797).

XEROX CANADIAN OPEN

The Canadian Juvenile Diabetes Foundation will benefit when it receives a donation of 50 cents from the sale of each ticket to the 1986 Xerox Canadian Open Squash Championships, which will be held April 3-7 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Tickets are available by calling 872-BASS, or at the World Professional Squash Association office, 12 Sheppard St., Suite 401, Toronto, M5H 3A1, or by calling 869-3499.

ADULT DAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Langstaff School for Adults York Region Board of Education, at 8210 Yonge St. in Thornhill, is offering day classes for adults in the following subjects: ESL (English As A Second Language), English and Math upgrading, grades 1-8, Grade 11 English, Grade 12 English, Typing and French.

This is a new school which is increasing its enrolment. There is continuous intake (you may start at any time) and no fee for legal residents of York.

For complete information or registration, contact **Vera Volkovitch at 731-9556.**

for seniors

Please note: When you send or bring in photos, include your name and address plus $1 to cover mailing costs, otherwise we cannot promise to return them. This includes organizations.

Do you believe that one is old at 55? You would surely change your mind after attending the North York Senior Games. These games provide an opportunity for active athletes to compete in such categories as running, swimming, tennis, badminton, horseshoes, shuffleboard and walking.

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Shaar Shalom Synagogue
2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill
(Don Mills & Steeles)
announces a
COMMUNAL SECOND SEDER
Thursday, April 24, 7:45 p.m.
Conducted by Rabbi Sheldon Korn
Catered by Shaar Shalom Caterers*
(take-out orders also accepted)
Adults: $30, Children under 10: $24
Arrangements can be made at the Synagogue Office
889-4975
Reservations should be made by Friday, April 18.
Under the supervision of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth, Orthodox Division, Canadian Jewish Congress

JUST ANOTHER BAD DAY?
A symposium on Learning Problems
Sponsored by:
She'arim Day School, Board of Jewish Education,
Parents Council of Hebrew Day Schools
Sunday, March 30,
9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Lipa Green Building,
4600 Bathurst St., 4th floor, Willowdale
For further information call 633-8247

בתי הכנסת המאוחדים באמריקה
The United Synagogue of America
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proudly presents
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Russian Refusenik Rabbi-to-Be
Presently studying at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America

Topic: *"From Marx to Moses: A Personal Odyssey of a Refusenik"*
Date: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1986
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Place: Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue
100 Elder Street, Downsview
EVERYONE WELCOME
For more information - 789-0579

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They also offer involvement for not so agile people in such activities as bridge, euchre and photography.

The games take place June 8-15. Winners will be eligible to participate in the Ontario Senior Games in Kitchener during Auguust. For information call **Ethel,** 493-1041 or **Mickey,** 282-2637.

Workmen's Circle Social Club, 471 Lawrence Ave. W., welcomes everyone to a luncheon and entertainment, Tuesday, April 1 at noon.

Reserve now for the Musicalle Luncheon with Yiddish and Hebrew songs by **Jenny Eisenstein,** planned for 12.30 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, by **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50,** 1700 Bathurst St. Cost is $5.50. Phone 781-3511.

Join in an evening of Ballroom Dancing at the **Wagman Centre,** 55 Ameer Ave., Wednesday, April 2, from 7-8.30 p.m. Singles and couples are welcome to learn the dance steps you always wanted to know, taught by **Manon Dulude** in the Assembly Room. Cost is $3 per person. Register at the Wagman Centre office.

The **Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program** for women 55-70 years of age widowed less than two years, is set next for Sunday, March 30, 12.30-2 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library, 55 Ameer Ave. For more information phone 789-5131, local 2271, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Elderly Widows 70 and Over Self-Help Program is scheduled for 1.30-3 p.m. in Rooms A and B of the Wagman Centre, Monday, March 31. Call 789-5131, local 2271. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for more details.

Self-Help Widowers, over 55 years, gather on Wednesday, April 2, 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the Wagman Centre. To inquire further, call 789-5131, local 2271, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

These supportive services for widows and widowers are non-sectarian and free of charge. Membership in the Wagman Centre is not required.

Holy Blossom Temple Alumni, 1950 Bathurst St., will hear the Creative Living Centre Choir, directed by **John Haberman** with piano accompaniment by **Anne Crose, Wednesday, April 2 at 1.30 p.m.**

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Come and meet new friends at the next meeting of the Friendship Circle for People 55 Plus and On Your Own, 7 p.m., Thursday, March 27 in the music room, when **Sandy Burns** presents an Israel travelogue and commentary.

An important Public Affairs Forum, Rent Controls - What are the Alternatives? is slated for Wednesday, April 2 at 1.30 p.m. This is free and open to the community.

Lifelong Learning Institute invites you to hear **Prof. Rusty Shtier** discuss Women in the 18th Century, 10 a.m. - noon, in the synagogue, Wednesday, April 20th.

Thursday, April 3 at 1.30 p.m., chiropractor **Barry Shapiro** asks - and answers - the question, What Does A Chiropractor Really Do?

Sundays at the Centre, March 30 at 2 p.m., offers the movie Carousel. Admission is $1 for members and $1.50, non-members.

at the jcc

On Sunday, March 30, the final program in the Sunday at Bloor series will feature art dealer **Albert White.** Topic for the day is Art Through the Eyes of a Dealer. Brunch, $3.50 per person, is at 11.45 a.m. and the lecture follows. Location is 750 Spadina Ave. and the community is welcome. Call 924-6211 for additional information.

JCC Singers are now preparing for their spring concerts. On March 26 at 7.30 p.m., the group will appear at Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., and on Sunday, March 30 at 4 p.m., will perform at the New Horizon Hungarian Club, 3565 Bathurst St. If you are interested in singing as a hobby and would like to participate in the April and May programs, just join the JCC Singers at rehearsal every Thursday from 9.30-11 a.m., in the JCC Northern Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., where you will be welcomed by director **Esther Ghan- Firestone** accompanist **Sara Barkin-Sandler** and members of the choir. Please direct enquiries to president **Dolly Brown.** For bookings contact **Hilda Kurin,** 633-8475.

North-East Valley Branch of the JCC is offering an exciting vacation program for 4-13 year olds during the Passover Break, April 27-29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is $20 per day. Morning activities will include music, drama and arts and crafts. Afternoons consist of trips to futuristic Spaceport, a horse ranch, and participation in an outer space adventure at a living space age fantasy. Registration will be accepted for one, two or all three days. For more details about program and registration, call **Dorothy Finkelstein** or **Jodi Sherman,** 889-0813.

Register early for JCC Valley's three children's summer programs: Kids Kourt, 2-5 year olds; Valley of the Arts, 5-12 year olds, Sports Junction, 9-13 year olds. Space is limited. For specific information phone **Dorothy Finkelstein,** 889-0813.

singles

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Jewish Union Book club is expanding. The next meeting is slated for Sunday, April 6 at 1.30 p.m., when there will be a discussion and review of **Bernard Malamud's** recent novel, God's Grace (paperback edition). If you are interested, phone **Mark,** 783-0831, days only, or **Robert,** 486-1865, week nights, 7-9 p.m.

Men Should Come With a Book of Instructions - "Let's design the book, share ideas on how to get the best from these delightful creatures" - is the thought to be considered at the next meeting of **Holy Blossom Forty Plus Singles,** 8 p.m. Sunday, March 30, in the Philip Smith Foyer of the temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Admission is $2 for members, $3 non-members.

A **Singles Dance** celebrating Winter Into Spring, will be held 8.30 p.m., Monday, March 31 at Rooney's, Yonge and St. Clair. Door prize is dinner for two at Le Connaisseur. Cover charge is $5 and all proceeds will be donated to charity.

Wife Assault and the North York Women's Shelter for Battered Women and Children, will be the topic at the next meeting of **Machar (Tomorrow),** in Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 2. Facts regarding the existing bylaws, courts, abuse, community involvement, will be discussed. Admission is $5.

Holy Blossom Single/Single Parents, 1950 Bathurst St., is arranging a Family Shabbat Dinner, 6 p.m., Friday, April 4 in the foyer of Philip Smith Hall. **Rabbi James Prosnit** and his family will join the group for dinner. Everyone is invited to stay on for services at 8.30 p.m. and refreshments. Cost, which is all-inclusive, is $12 for members, $14, non-members, $6, children. RSVP to **James,** 485-9911, by April 2.

The National Medication Awareness Test will be the focus when **Bob Pritchard** of Super X Drugs speaks to **Northern Singles Forty Plus** at the JCC Northern Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., 8 p.m., Monday, March 31. This is an opportunity to check your knowledge of drugs and medication. Refreshments will be served. Cost to JCC members is $2, non-members, $3.

Northeast Valley Single/Single Parents are having a small discussion group at the JCC Valley, 7015 Lesllie St., 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 26. The topic is Create What You Want In Your Life. **Donna Kaplan** will facilitate visualization techniques and group discussion, to help you enhance creativity. For more information call **Sally Kerbel,** 889-0813.

North-East Valley Single/ Single Parents look forward to a Dating Game Dance with refreshments, 8 p.m., Saturday, March 29, at the JCC Valley. Cost is $5 for members, $6, non-members.

JCC Valley Singles Exchange presents a Programing and Calendaring Wine and Cheese Event, 8 p.m., Thursday, April 3, at The Valley, 7015 Leslie St. This evening is open to all representatives of non-profit singles groups in the Jewish community. RSVP to **Sally Kerbel** or **Jodi Sherman,** 889-0813.

And, JCC Valley Singles announces its new Singles Social Hotline starting Wednesday, April 2. If you would like to find out what's happening for singles in the Jewish community, call 889-5101 anytime for taped information.

A Meet Your Match party will be held Saturday, March 29 at 8 p.m. A computer, an operator, and a questionnaire will lead you to the meeting of Mr. or Miss "Beshert." It's all happening at The Parkview Club, adjacent to Inn On the Park (Eglinton and Leslie). Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Music is by **Angelo.** Bring your friends. Cover is $10. Call **High Society,** 446-1394.

Starlight Productions presents another Singles Night at Rooney's, 2 Rosehill Ave. (two blocks south of St. Clair and Yonge), Tuesday, April 1 at 8.30 p.m. Cover is $6. Door prize is a dinner for two at Le Connaisseur.

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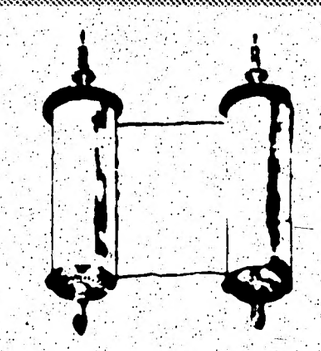

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Tzav/ Parshat Parah/ Shushan Purim

The simcha of Purim still bubbles around us.

No Jew should ever give up — on himself, on his Judaism, on his future.

The Lubliner Rabbi once visited a rich, assimilated Jew to ask him for a donation for his yeshiva.

Answered the wealthy man: "Rabbi, neither I nor my children or children's children will ever need a yeshiva."

"Are you a worse 'sonay Yisrael' — enemy of the Jews — than Haman?" asked the rabbi.

When he saw the man's befuddlement, the rabbi explained: "Our rabbis teach that the descendants of Haman studied Torah in Bnai Brak.

"Imagine now . . . such an anti-semite like Haman — and his grandchildren converted and became pious Jews. Do you consider yourself worse than Haman . . .?"

In every Jew there is a little tzaddik striving to come out. It takes time. Sometimes, a family will go generation to generation, far, far removed from any Torah and any mitzvahs. But then . . .

The tzaddik breaks out! The Jewish neshama pumps fire, and we return to who we are . . .

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Are our enemies are our "best" friends?

Haman the wicked is called the "tzorer kol hayehudim . . . He was the enemy of all the Jews!"

"Tzorer" has two meanings — to be an "enemy," but also to be someone who "binds together . . . wraps up together" . . .

Haman was not just the enemy of the Jews. He was the "tzorer." His threat, his viciousness, bound the Jews together. They fasted together, they prayed together, they fought together.

Do we need another Hitler to bind Jews together? When there is peace for a few years, must we rip ourselves apart in Israel, must we split ourselves into groups and factions within our own community.

A Jew is a Jew. Period.

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It's a mitzvah to send gifts "ish liray'ayhu — each person to his friend."

Strange we always make a blessing before we do a mitzvah. Why not make a bracha before the mitzvah of sending gifts to a friend?

Because it might be a "bracha livatalah" — a wasted bracha! Who knows who our friends are? We see a person, he smiles at us, we think he has our best interest at heart.

But inside . . . there could be a secret jealousy, rivalry, even hatred. Friend? Who knows who our real friends are? Not someone who can share our troubles. That's easy! But someone who can endure it when we succeed! (Mor v'Aahalot).

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Purim is finishing, Pesach is beginning. We have so much, even the poorest of us.

In Israel, thousands of Jews struggle for their daily existence, to feed and clothe their little ones, to marry off children, to cope with sickness.

Who shall help them, if not us? We can bless ourselves by donating to the Monthly Fund, c/o Rabbi Meir Gottesman, 3173a Bathurst St., Toronto M6A 2B1. Every penny goes to tzedakah; a tax receipt is issued. Shabbat Shalom.

Largest annual community event

"Marketplace" set for UJA Walk

TORONTO —

For the first time the United Jewish Appeal Walk for Israel outdoor festival will feature a "marketplace" as an integral section of its overall crafts fair.

It all takes place at the final checkpoint, the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 18.

Craftsmen, artisans, potters, boutique shop owners, artists and photographers are invited to set up booths to display and sell their wares at Toronto's largest annual Jewish community event.

Vendors interested in setting up for the day, are advised to call Julea Gasner, 635-2883, as early as possible, to reserve space.

To tie in with Yom Ha'atzmaut, there will be a showcase of products manufactured in Israel — packaged goods, swimwear, arts and crafts, along with representatives on hand from the Israel Trade Commission, who will be able to provide information on the variety of manufactured items on display.

A number of community agencies have agreed to set up display boards and will have representatives available to answer questions on the services they provide.

For the youngsters there will be carnival rides, magicians, clowns, balloons and lots of edible goodies which adhere to dietary laws. There will also be live entertainment and giveaways.

Festival organizers are planning a day geared to the entire family — extended or otherwise — to walkers as well as those who do not participate in the walk.

"This year we want the whole Jewish community to come out and enjoy the festival," say chairmen Bobby Katz and Larry Shapiro.

The 1986 UJA Walk for Israel Festival committee is shown at work during one of many meetings. Clockwise are Barbara Lampcov, Gloria Clamen, Larry Shapiro, Cheryl Halberstadt, Judy Demone, Karen Cotton and Perla Arditti.

Canadian women will participate in Jerusalem meet

TORONTO —

Three Canadian women have been invited to participate in the 1986 Jerusalem International Forum.

Susan Fish, Ontario MPP; Mildred Istona, editor of Chatelaine Magazine; and Marilyn MacDonald, director of public relations for Dalhousie University, will join 13 American women for a 2-week seminar of dialogue, travel and study in Egypt and Israel, from April 3-17.

While visiting biblical and modern-day landmarks, participants will have an opportunity to exchange ideas with women of matched professional backgrounds who live and work in both countries, says Wendy Litwack, Canadian coordinator.

The Jerusalem International Forum is coordinated through the foreign ministries of both Egypt and Israel. Meetings have been arranged with prominent leaders in both countries: in Egypt, Jehane Sadat, Susie Mubarak; and in Israel, Prime Minister Shimon Peres, President Chaim Herzog, Teddy Kollek, Simcha Dinitz and Moshe Arens.

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Says religious laws infringe on life

Israeli lawyer points to civil rights problems

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Religious law in Israel has created a host of civil rights problems, says an Israeli lawyer who specializes in civil liberties.

Neta Goldman, a staff attorney for the Association of Civil Rights in Israel, told an audience at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue recently that religious laws have infringed on a variety of areas in Israelis' lives, the biggest of which is marriage and divorce.

"The vast majority of Israelis do not feel bound by halacha (religious law) and do not want to depend on religious authorities to determine the workings of their lives," said Goldman, a 28-year-old Sabra.

In Israel, "it's not freedom of religion, but freedom from religion."

She said 80% of Israelis are non-Orthodox but laws do not reflect that.

Because there is no official separation of religion and state in Israel and religious parties have gained increased clout in the Knesset, areas such as women's rights have suffered, she said.

Neta Goldman

Israeli religious courts (Beth Din) have sole jurisdiction over divorce and while a Jewish woman can ask for a divorce, or get, only a man can grant one.

Thus, women have often been "blackmailed" into giving up custody of their children or property in order to get out of a marriage, Goldman said. If a woman ignores the religious authorities and is remarried by a Conservative or Reform rabbi or in another country, children from that marriage would be considered *mamzerim*, or illegitimate.

There have also been 100 cases of the Beth Din granting men the right to remarry when their wives refused to grant a get. In one case, Goldman said, a religious court ruled a man could take a second wife because his first bore no sons.

Goldman said rulings such as these should be challenged in Israel's higher secular courts but that first, the machinery to allow such challenges must be put into place because they do not yet exist.

Halacha is "being interpreted in a discriminatory way," said Goldman, who is midway through a scholarship in Washington sponsored by the New Israel Fund for Israeli civil rights lawyers.

Even though Israel was founded on Jewish principles which espoused egalitarian, human values, many other civil rights are being challenged because of religious law and the country's special security situation, she continued.

Goldman said not having public transportation on Shabbat is a civil rights matter because it restricts free movement.

Last December, she noted, the government threatened to revoke the licences of those hotels which displayed Christmas decorations.

Even the controversy in Israel over the sale and consumption of pork is considered a civil rights issue because banning it, as the religious parties want, would constitute restrictions on diet, Goldman said.

Civil rights received a boost recently with the defeat in the Knesset of a bill that would have redefined who is a Jew, she added.

She told The CJN in an earlier interview that there also exists "subtle" discrimination against Israeli Arabs, who "are not a security threat."

Arabs usually pay much higher tuition fees in universities because they do not serve in the armed forces and thus are not entitled to reduced tuition.

She said Arabs in occupied territories present a different problem because they are subject to martial law, which "basically means no civil rights at all."

Because of the "clash" between individual rights and religious law, Goldman said there is growing "resentment" to Judaism in Israel and feelings of alienation from it.

"Together with being a Jewish state, Israel is a democracy committed to protecting civil rights. But if (religious law) is a command of God, then democracy cannot prevail."

However, Goldman and the Association for Civil Rights aren't advocating total separation of religion and state. She said there should be public aid to religious schools and religious holidays should continue to be observed but that other areas "should be open to debate."

The association also concerns itself with issues like due process of law, freedom of association, arrest and searches, the right to privacy and conscientious objection to military service.

Kosher wine store with 8 varieties opens to public

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —
Le Karem Wines opened its doors last week at 3418 Bathurst St., with modest facilities that belie its significance.

Le Karem Wines, in a small storefront along a quiet stretch between a pizzeria and a laundromat, is Canada's first kosher wine outlet. Its eight varieties of wine are all made in Ontario from locally grown hybrid varietal or vinifera grapes, like those of French wines.

"This has been a long time coming and we're glad it's finally here," said Monte Kwinter, Ontario's minister of consumer and commercial relations cut the ribbon in a ceremony that officially opened the store.

Said Joe Markin, a partner in Le Karem: "A woman came up to me this morning, shook my hand, and said, 'Now I am proud to be a Canadian.' "

Markin initiated the kosher winery and outlet a business venture with Paul Bosc, an Algerian-born master vintner. Facilities at Bosc's Chateau des Charmes winery were kashered and put under the supervision of COR's Rabbi Eliezer Moskowitz and the rabbinical Va'ad Hakashruth's Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner.

Available are: Metav Rouge, a red wine, $4.50; Metav Blanc, $4.95, white; Grand Harvest, $4.40, red; Reisling Late Harvest, $8.25, white; Moed Rouge, $3.99, red; Moed Blanc, $4.60, white; Golden Harvest, $4.75, white; Rose, $4.25; and Rose Light, $3.89. They total 11,000 cases.

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Part of consultative process

Liberal "dialogue" bears multicultural concerns

By
SERGE TITTLEY

TORONTO —
A recent Liberal-sponsored "multicultural dialogue" meant to showcase Opposition leader John Turner basking in the warm welcome of Toronto's politically significant ethnic communities did not come off quite as planned.

Turner took in the sights of Cleveland International Airport, where his Air Canada flight was redirected after a thick blanket of fog settled over much of Ontario that day. Meanwhile, a couple of hundred leaders of multicultural groups and associations in Metro waited patiently at a ballroom in North York.

Despite Turner's absence, all was not lost for Sergio Marchi, the MP for York West who organized the event. Several of his Liberal colleagues from the House of Commons and the Senate did manage to make it into Toronto.

The dialogue was billed as "a vehicle to address your concerns as Canadians," said a statement from Marchi's office. "The multicultural fabric of our nation is an integral and inseparable reality of Canada's social, economic, religious and political milieu," it added.

Marchi told delegates that the meeting was just one in a series his party is organizing as part of a consultative process with multicultural communities throughout the country.

The multicultural delegates were eager to have Marchi and his colleagues address a large number of issues.

One delegate asked the Liberals to urge the federal government to establish direct Canada-to-Punjab flights. Such direct access by Canadian Sikhs to their home state in India would bypass New Delhi where, he alleged, incoming Sikhs are routinely harassed by Indian authorities.

John Nunziata (York South-Weston), pointed out that he fought the government's recent decision to lift its moratorium on deportations to India of those Sikhs seeking asylum in Canada under the refugee status. Nunziatia said the policy was changed only to make External Affairs Minister Joe Clark's trip to India this winter easier.

Dr. Guntis Silins, president of the Baltic Federation of Canada, announced that his federation has asked the attorney-general of Ontario to lay criminal charges against the CTV television network for airing a program it considers defamatory.

Silins said a recent episode of NBC's Highway to Heaven showed a neo-Nazi family by the name of "Baltic" psychologically terrorizing a Jewish survivor of the Holocaust. He said the federation had been unable to obtain satisfactory clarification on the issue from the network.

One delegate called for more translation services for multicultural Canadians, especially for medical services. MP Charles Caccia (Davenport) wondered aloud just where government could be expected to find the resources to meet such needs, although he agreed it might be possible to do so "where numbers warrant."

When urged that more women from multicultural communities be selected to serve on bodies such as the National Status of Women Council, she struck a responsive cord with MPs Roland de Corneille (Eglinton-Lawrence) and Aideen Nicholson (Trinity). Both said Canadians should flood the offices of the Prime Minister and Conservative MPs with mail urging such appointments.

One questioner wanted to know what impact a free trade agreement between Canada and the U.S. augured for multiculturalism.

Marchi replied he feared a "conglomerate of American hodgepodge culture" which could dominate the Canadian cultural scene if free trade becomes a reality.

He claimed the Liberals have an inate understanding of multicultural communities, and that they are the best equipped to safeguard the interests of such communities from an unwanted assimilation into the American melting pot.

Learning problems symposium slated

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
A symposium designed to throw light on the subject of learning disabilities in children for parents, day school staff and the general public will be held at 9.30 a.m. Sunday, March 30 in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

"The Jewish community, unfortunately, has very little knowledge or understanding of learning problems," laments Elaine Rubinoff, principal of She'arim Hebrew Day School.

Parents frequently are very upset when they are told that their child has a learning disability, and feel guilty, concerned that it is somehow their fault, Rubinoff said. Even worse, they don't know what it all means, or where to go for help, she added.

Their first response, said Rubinoff, is often the belief that pulling the child out of the day school system will solve all the problems. This, she said, is not at all the case.

Rubinoff, Marilyn Wise, of the Jewish Vocational Service and a member of the board of She'arim, and Rhonda Devlin and Joy Zigelman, parents of She'arim students, felt that it is imperative to attempt to combat the widespread ignorance about learning disabilities. Accordingly, they have organized a symposium on the subject, entitled Just Another Bad Day?

The symposium is sponsored by She'arim Hebrew Day School, the Board of Jewish Education and the Parents Council of Hebrew Day Schools.

The organizers said the title refers to the pain and confusion felt by parents and children alike, when, in spite of intelligence and hard work, the process of learning seems to be an impossible one.

They expressed the hope that conference participants will come away not only with a greater understanding of the problem, but also with greater empathy for those struggling to overcome great odds.

The symposium is aimed at parents of children who have been identified as having a learning problem, parents who think their children might have a problem, staff of day schools, who might be in a position to recognize and deal with learning disabilities in their students, as well as the general public.

The morning sessions deal with the practical aspects of having a learning disabled child. Noreen Hardwick, of the Toronto Board of Education, will open the symposium.

Conference participants can choose between two workshops. One, given by Dr. Marc Wilchesky, coordinator of the Learning Disability Program at York University, will examine the different types of learning problems there are, and how they can be handled. Another workshop, given by psychologist Dr. Barbara Bresver, will explain in laymen's language the complex and often confusing terms used by professionals in the field.

John Van Loon, professor of Geology at the University of Toronto will give the luncheon address. Van Loon struggled through school in spite of a serious learning problem, which, until very recently, went unidentified.

The day will conclude with a discussion by a panel, comprised of Joy Zigelman, Rhonda Devlin, Edie Kalb, and Dr. Stephen Speisman, all of whom have children with learning problems attending She'arim Hebrew Day School.

They will talk about how they and their families came to terms with their children's difficulties.

The session, moderated by Dr. Ruth Borchiver of the Jewish Vocational Service, will give the audience an opportunity to ask questions of people who are coping with the situation, Rubinoff said.

Except for lunch, for which there is a $5 charge, and must be reserved in advance, admission is free. Pre-registration is requested.

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But Medical Reform Group's Berger disputes claim

OMA's Myers: Freedom, not money, the issue

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
For Dr. Earl Myers, the terms of the debate over extra-billing by Ontario doctors have been misunderstood.

It's not a question of money, the gray-haired, affable physician states. It's an "issue of freedom, to deal directly with a patient."

Unfortunately, he says, thanks in large part to media reports in the Toronto area, the public perception of doctors has been distorted. While many see doctors as avaricious professionals who are concerned more with the financial rewards of their profession than their patients' welfare, for Myers that view couldn't be further from the truth.

As president of the 17,000-strong Ontario Medical Association, Myers says the physician is a patient's best friend.

"Who else raises hell about shortages of beds, deficiencies in looking after mental patients," of the deteriorating conditions in hospitals and of the shortage of key state of the art medical machinery? he asks.

Doctors are the public's best advocates, he states, and they can remain so only if they retain financial independence. The means the OMA proposes to do that — billing beyond limits set out in the OHIP fee schedule — is the subject of the controversy which has stirred the province and which is now under discussion between OMA representatives and government negotiators.

According to Myers, a proctologist when he isn't wearing his hat as OMA president, billing up to limits set out in the OMA schedule (up to 26% higher than OHIP rates) gives physicians some freedom from government leverage.

If doctors were beholden to the government for all of their income, he asks, how could they strongly advocate changes to the provincial health care system?

And, says Dr. Irwin Wolkoff, a member of one of the OMA's sections, doctors are unhappy over what they see as government interference in the practice of medicine by a professional group.

But Dr. Philip Berger disagrees.

"Absolute baloney," says Berger, a spokesman for the Medical Reform Group of Ontario.

"It's not a bona fide argument to say professional freedom to practice medicine will be affected by banning extra-billing."

Health Minister Murray Elston agrees with Berger that a ban on extra charges will not create "civil service medicine." Doctors will still be free to bill on a fee for service basis, determine their work schedule and administer to patients' needs as they see fit, he says.

"Doctors who extra-bill stand to lose substantial sums," from $30,000 to sums even as high as $150,000 per year (if a

Dr. Philip Berger

ban on extra charges is imposed), Berger says.

"I'm not persuaded that is not a part of the reason for the OMA reaction."

Berger, a 35-year-old general practitioner, says the MRG was formed in 1979 "to provide an alternative voice to the OMA on issues" of social concern.

It counts approximately 130 doctors among its members — many of them Jewish — a number which has grown in recent months as the controversy has unfolded.

The group recently presented a brief to the Legislature's social development committee in which it declared its support for Bill 94, the legislation which would ban extra-billing.

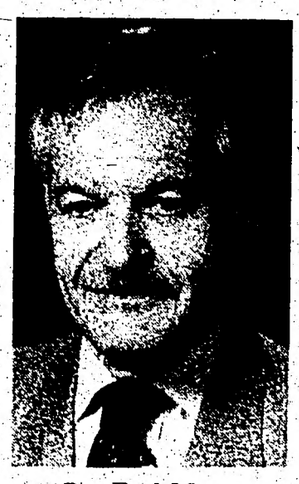
Charging patients in excess of OHIP rates presents a "financial deterrent and impediment" to those seeking health care, says Berger. While acknowledging many physicians do not extra-bill patients with limited financial resources (Myers says that is a rare occurrence), the MRG noted in its submission to the legislative committee: "We have seen patients on welfare extra-billed. We have seen senior citizens on fixed incomes who have been extra-billed."

Citing a 1980 survey by two McMaster University professors, MRG told the committee: "They found that over ⅓ of poor people had been extra-billed. They also discovered that nearly 20% of people had reduced their use of medical services because of fear of an extra bill and that nearly 5% of people said they had not sought medical attention for a sick child because of such concerns."

While Myers challenges many of the statistics cited by opponents of extra-billing, he says the OMA is willing to negotiate to prevent extra-billing of the poor.

"The official policy of the OMA is that, if the government withdraws the legislation, we will ensure that senior citizens and the financially disadvantaged will not be extra-billed," he said recently.

According to Myers, the extra-billing controversy is "a political move by the Liberals." Noting the Liberals, as a minority government, are beholden to the New Democratic Party, Myers said the coalition of 40 groups which support the government — including (Jewish) seniors groups, teachers, steelworkers — met in the NDP caucus room in Queen's Park, giving clear indication of the political basis



Dr. Earl Myers

for the opposition to extra-billing.

The Liberals are using "scare tactics," argues Wolkoff.

And the 34-year-old psychiatrist repeats a concern raised by proponents of extra billing, saying American "recruiters are on us all the time," promising as much as $50,000 to help in the move to resettle in communities — in the southern U.S., where doctors are free to set up a private practice or work for a salary.

The MRG concedes Bill 94 infringes on doctors' economic rights, but it argues there is a competing right "to quality health care without financial deterrents."

"When the state grants a monopoly to an exclusive group to render an indispensable service, it automatically becomes involved in whether those services are available and on what terms and conditions," the MRG says.

Berger claims the OMA wishes to return to a 19th century laissez-faire model of free enterprise medicine. Practicing medicine should not be seen in strictly financial terms, he says, as if it were just another commodity.

"The politics of the OMA are anachronistic, obsolete and bear no relation" to today's world, he argues. The medical profession is not the only one regulated, he adds.

As The CJN went to press, negotiations were pending between the OMA and government representatives to try to resolve the controversy, while both sides campaigned vigorously to drum up popular support for their respective positions.

Said health minister Elston recently: "Everything is on the bargaining table but the principle itself."

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Organizations and People

Consumer show at JCC

Moms, babies focus of show

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —
Some 3,000 persons flocked to the Jewish Community Centre to gather the latest information on pregnancy, birth and early parenting at the JCC's recent fourth annual Pre-Natal Information Fair.

The baby consumer show, with over 6,000 square feet of exhibit space offered such events as film screenings on the latest childbirth and breastfeeding methods, demonstrations on car seat safety, baby carriages and pre-natal fitness. Booth exhibitors included manufacturers of baby foods and child care products, local retailers and non-profit organizations pertaining to new parenting.

Joanne Morris, director of public relations for the JCC, said that the "objective of the fair is to make expectant women and new parents aware of the abundance of resources available concerning the child-bearing year."

Fair coordinator, Iris Weverman said that the fair sponsors, Great Expectations Magazine, Super X Drugs and Dear Born/Baby World became interested in the fair because "they strive to provide up-to-date information so new parents may take on their new responsibilities with a better awareness and understanding."

She added that the show is a vehicle which "permits us to bring this information to (the public) in an informal and social atmosphere."

Parents who brought their babies to the fair were delighted to find Pampers in JCC washrooms and a nursing room for mothers. Expectant mothers were treated to a spring fashion show sponsored by Shirley K Maternity Stores.

Speakers at the fair included registered nurse David Bain, who spoke on infant emergencies, pharmacist Bob Pritchard, who discussed over the counter medicine for infants and toddlers and Cathy Kohm, a nurse who spoke about postpartum adjustment.

"I never realized how much the community has to offer new parents. I feel more relaxed knowing there are so many people out there ready to help me," said Susan Green an expectant mother.

Green, who has been a full-time secretary for 10 years says she had been a little anxious about staying home with a baby. "I didn't know how I'd fill my time and I was afraid I would miss working. I see, however, that places such as Baby Basics and Aid for New Mothers offer discussion groups and counseling for women in my position. I feel so much better," she said.

She added that she attended the pre-natal fitness demonstration and learned that exercise can help "to ease that nagging back pain I've had all through my pregnancy."

Sonia Martin, another expectant mother said that she is planning to breastfeed her baby. "People who did not nurse their own babies don't really understand," she said. "I learned today however, that the La Leche League assists new breastfeeding mothers. They offer discussion groups and have a 24-hour hot line. I'm relieved."

Martin noted that a demonstration about choosing baby equipment such as cribs, strollers and playpens helped turn her into an informed consumer.

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Auction sells "fantasies"

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

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If you come to the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto's Gala Auction at the Civic Garden Centre in Edwards Gardens (Lawrence and Leslie) on Sunday, March 30, at 8 p.m., you may turn your fantasy into reality. You can bid on more than 100 other items and services that will be offered for auction.

"As well," says the auction chairman Michael Kerbel, "there will be a number of spot prizes, refreshments, and a fun-filled evening for people of all ages."

Kerbel adds that this is the first major fund raising attempted by the school since it was established more than 25 years ago.

The organizing committee is comprised mainly of parents and alumni. Some of the students will be helping at the auction.

Heading the committees are: patrons, Andrea Sugar; gifts, Sharon Haberman; arrangements, Ruth Margles; ticket sales, Judy Schreier; brochure advertising, Stan Freedman, and publicity chairman, Mark Mietkiewicz, a graduate of CHAT who is an associate producer with CBC Radio.

Mietkiewicz noted that many local retailers and manufacturers have been very generous. Among the many items to be auctioned are, a Sony 20-inch color television with remote control, a GE Spacemaker Microwave oven, furs, fine jewelry, Florida accommodation, or you can bid on an evening of racquetball and dinner as the guest of Gary Diamond, CHAT's principal of general studies. Gary Diamond.

Along with a professional auctioneer, there will be celebrity auctioneers such as David Shatzky, the host of CBC's Radio Noon.

The money raised at the CHAT auction will be used to improve physical and health education facilities in the school at Wilmington and Overbrook in Downsview.

There is ample free parking at the Civic Garden Centre and kosher refreshments will be served.

To be a patron, it will cost you $100 and you will receive a tax receipt for $90. This entitles you to a private reception prior to the auction for a preview of the items to be sold. There is also a special draw for patrons.

Admission is $5 and tickets can be purchased at both locations of Israel's Judaica Centre (Eglinton Ave. and Bathurst Manor Plaza), at CHAT (636-5984), or at The Civic Garden Centre prior to the auction.

Grade 11 student Andrea Shulman examines Karen Kain's ballet slippers to be auctioned at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto's Gala Auction on Sunday, March 30.

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

An Advisory Committee on Municipal Elections has been established to conduct a comprehensive review of the municipal electoral process and issues arising from past municipal elections.

Committee members are: Mr. Gerald Parisien, former Mayor of the City of Cornwall and past President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Mrs. Anne Johnston, former Alderman of the City of Toronto and former city representative on the Metropolitan Toronto Council.

The committee will focus its study on areas such as:

(a) Enumeration and preparation of lists of electors.
(b) Qualifications of electors and candidates.
(c) Election campaign financing.
(d) Accessibility to voting, including voting hours, absentee voting and access to polls for seniors and disabled electors.
(e) Preparation and conduct of elections, including training of municipal staff.
(f) Conditions and criteria for recounts.
(g) Voter turnout.

The committee will develop recommendations based on this review for consideration by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

All interested persons, organizations and municipalities are invited to submit written comments and suggestions on this important process to:

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Organizations and People

Strategic planning committee recommendations

TJC urged to become central community body

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — A strategic planning report 1½ years in the making calls on Toronto Jewish Congress to achieve the "pre-eminent position" as the central Jewish community organization in the city while maintaining its goal of preserving Jewish life in the Metro area.

The study looks five years into the future in assessing the role of TJC, and it concludes that TJC must adopt a higher profile in the community so that the public becomes aware of its role in various aspects of community life, said Steve Ain, executive director of TJC.

"We (have a number of important programs) and don't tell people," said Ain, citing the example of "large sums" directed to Jewish schools in Toronto by TJC.

The report calls for the development of a program to explain the organization's functions, while acknowledging "evidence of lack of understanding by affiliated agencies and institutions, as well as by TJC departments, about TJC's roles, functions and relationships."

The report also noted there are joint Canadian Jewish Congress and TJC "considerations underway" to map out each organization's roles.

The recently released report surveys both Congress' internal dynamics as well as external factors, such as the economy and demographics, against which TJC operates, Ain told The CJN in an interview.

In introducing the report, Ron Appleby, chairman of the strategic planning committee which organized the review, stated: "I expect it will serve as the basis for mapping the immediate future."

A practical result of the review has been the establishment of an implementation committee, under Gella Rothstein and Richard Krelstein, who, respectively, headed the "internal" (organizational) and "external" studies of TJC. (David Satok was the third task force chairman.)

They will look at the implementation of up to four of the reviews' "key recommendations," said Ain.

A second result of the report was the scheduling of a professonal development day for approximately 30 TJC, CJC and United Jewish Appeal professionals as a means of upgrading Congress' "human resources."

Besides examining Congress' human resources, the report examines its financial resources. It calls for greater integration of TJC and UJA as well as the long-term increase in the bequest and endowment fund of TJC to $100 million from its current level of about $12 million.

Poverty line

The report also looks at the possible effect of demographic factors on the communal organization, said Ain. The report notes that, based on statistics from the 1981 census, 14.8% of Toronto's 129,000 Jews live below the poverty line or have marginal incomes. That figure jumps to 29% for those 65 and older.

The report concludes "there could be a greater demand for services by low income individuals and families, particularly elderly and structurally unemployed Jews in occupations which may become depressed."

Furthermore, the report notes, the isolation and alienation brought about by poverty could lead to a growing sector of non participating Jews."

Of the population aged 20 and over, 31% were single (either divorced, separated, widowed or never married) the report states, adding there is a need for programs to bring people together to prevent "alienation from Jewish communal life."

With large numbers of Jewish women joining their husbands in the workforce, coupled with the traditional Jewish value of raising children, there is a growing need for "quality Jewish day care," Ain said.

The report also calls on TJC to establish more equitable budget guidelines and "an overall priority system."

The review and report was part of a pilot project of the Council of Jewish Federations. Appleby, who is president of TJC, will present the report to a meeting of the CJF in Washington on April 18.

Ain noted that a number of U.S.-based federations have made use of the report's mission statement, which reflects the basic purpose of TJC: "To serve as the central Jewish communal organization dedicated to the preservation and enrichment of Jewish life in the greater Toronto area and to the perpetuation of the community's identification with Israel."

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Organizations and People

Proves reassuring, says Shaarei Tefillah's Stern

Trip to Israel will reveal the facts, says rabbi

TORONTO —

Only a trip to Israel can dispel misconceptions surrounding the country, reports Rabbi Moshe Stern.

The spiritual leader of Shaarei Tefillah congregation recently returned from an Israel Bonds-Government of Israel Tourist Office mission there for North American rabbis. He and Beth Tzedec's Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg were the Toronto representatives among close to 200 participants.

"No, it is not true that Israelis are overcome with despondency and frustration," he told The Canadian Jewish News. "All realize that peace is not just around the corner, but to equate their resolve with quiet determination with despondency is a misreading of the facts."

Reports of a significant number of Russian immigrants leaving Israel are exaggerated and out of perspective, he said. He added: "In any large immigration there will be a considerable number of misfits and malcontents, perhaps some of them planted there for just that purpose. The facts are that fewer Russian immigrants are leaving than at any other mass aliyah time in the history of Israel. At the time of the great aliya of such prominent figures as Ben Gurion and Golda Meir, almost 90% of that group eventually left while the few who remained became the heroes.

"It should be understood that many Russians who came to Israel left Russia for cultural reasons and not necessarily to live in Israel. They used Israel as a vehicle to freedom. Of course many of the others have adjustment problems, but so do all immigrants, everywhere."

Reports of young Israelis leaving are also exaggerated, he said. "The story of a mass emigration was reported, it appears, by some over-eager, uninformed reporter who was looking for a sensational story. He dressed up the sensation, and his exaggeration has been gaining in distortion with each retelling."

Rabbi Stern described the country's acerbic politics as "a healthy manifestation of democracy in action, a necessary stage in the evolution of national policies and the choice of national leadership by the people."

He also reassured would-be visitors that "the country and especially the places that attract tourists are well secured, from the Western Wall in Jerusalem to the Shalom Towers in Tel Aviv.

"Next time you hear some frightening story of what is supposed to be really happening in Israel, don't accept it blindly. If you really want to know what is happening — take a trip. Come see for yourself," he said.

During the mission, which he joined under the auspices of Shaarei Tefillah, he spent eight days in Israel. A number of Israeli officials addressed the group.

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Toronto Vaad program will certify mezuzahs

TORONTO —

The Vaad HaRabbinim the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of Greater Toronto, is establishing a mezuzah certification program here in conjunction with local Jewish book stores and scribes.

"We are attempting to halt the influx of non-kosher mezuzahs," said Rabbi Moshe Stern, chairman of the Vaad's public awareness program. "A mezuzah is more than a museum piece, and anyone who is in the market for a kosher mezuzah shouldn't be sold something else."

An authentic mezuzah, he said, must be:

• made from the hide of a cow.

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Say Stern: "In order to make a profit, manufacturers must turn out their products on a high-volume basis. Unfortunately, the painstaking process of writing a mezuzah is not conducive to such mass production techniques.

"It takes an experienced sofer about 1½ to two hours to turn out a nice small mezuzah and about 3½ to four for a larger one."

Considering the time involved, the parchment and ink used, "if a person is paying less than $20 for a mezuzah then it's almost guaranteed that they're getting something that is photocopied," he says.

Another problem is chemically treated parchments where the letters have cracked or split apart. Because mezuzahs are written with a quill, many manufacturers dip the parchment in a chemical solution making it less porous. The smooth, shiny finish lends itself to easier (and faster) production.

"When you roll up the parchment to put it in the case, the finish and the letters written over it tend to crack — another invalidation of the mezuzah. The average buyer isn't aware of something like that," he said.

The Vaad hopes to expand the certification program to cover tefillin (phylacteries), which also contain parchment with tiny Hebrew lettering and can be very expensive.

Award honors Steinberg

TORONTO —

Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, director of chaplaincy services, Toronto Jewish Congress, has been selected as a Centennial Rabbinic Awardee by Yeshiva University of New York.

Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg

The award will be conferred during ceremonies at the Centennial Semikhah Convocation on April 6 at the University's Main Centre, as part of the celebrations to mark Yeshiva U's 100th birthday.

Rabbi Steinberg was ordained at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), the rabbinical school of Yeshiva University, 28 years ago.

A native of Boston, Steinberg has held pulpit posts in Milton, Mass., Saratoga Springs, NY and in Regina. He arrived in Toronto in 1972 to take up the position of director of education at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue before joining Toronto Jewish Congress as chaplain in 1974.

In the letter which informed Steinberg of his selection as a Centennial Rabbinic Awardee, Yeshiva U president Norman Lamm, stated:

"In this historic centennial year, RIETS is planning to honor its musmakhim who have made significant contributions to Jewish life throughout the world. This award will highlight your dedication to Torah and Klal Yisrael, and will serve as a reaffirmation of your commitment to Yeshiva. It will also demonstrate the high regard that Yeshiva has for its musmakhim who have labored faithfully and devotedly in building the Jewish community."

Former Refusenik will give lecture

TORONTO —

Leonid Feldman has a mission in life. The 33-year-old rabbinical student and former physics teacher from the Soviet Union wants to convince North American Jews that the only way they can assure religious freedom for their co-religionists in the Soviet Union is to monitor human rights.

Leonid Feldman

"There is no way that I can make you understand — not in 45 minutes, perhaps not in 10 years — what it is like to be a Jew in Russia," says the former Refusenik. The Soviets are very sensitive to world opinion and can be made to respond if awareness of the Jewish issue is kept high through public pressure, he stresses.

Feldman will speak on From Marx to Moses: A Personal Odyssey of a Refusenik in a public lecture at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. in a lecture sponsored by the United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region.

Orphaned at an early age, Feldman was raised in the Soviet Union and obtained no Jewish education. It was not until the age of 21 that he was exposed to Judaism. He plunged into Jewish life, he says, and learned about his people's religion and history.

Feldman applied for and was denied an exit visa. He started a hunger strike, was sent to a KGB prison until finally being allowed to leave. He went to Israel where he furthered his education at the Hebrew University and came to the U.S. in 1980.

He says his time at the Hebrew University propelled him toward rabbinical studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. When ordained. He will become the first Soviet Refusenik to become a Conservative rabbi.

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Organizations and People

Mazon combats problem in North America

Jewish community asked to feed the hungry

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — There are many facts and figures the experts quote in describing hunger in North America but Irv Cramer prefers the following example of want in history's most affluent society:

In the U.S. and Canada, it is estimated there are 20 to 22 million people whose prime preoccupation is feeding themselves. At the same time, North America's Jewish community annually spends over $500 million on simchas — weddings, bar mitzvahs and the like.

That's why Cramer, at the urging of Moment Magazine editor Leonard Fein, who unearthed the statistic, set up Mazon — A Jewish Response to Hunger, an organization devoted to easing hunger by raising funds in the Jewish community.

Just four months old, Mazon has set lofty goals: to raise between $4 million and $5 million a year among North American Jewry for the hungry.

So far, Mazon, which means, roughly, Sustenance in Hebrew, operates in the U.S. with an impressive board of directors. Cramer, the executive director, was in Toronto recently to set up a Canadian chapter.

"The idea evolved that we should go to these people who spend $500 million a year on simchas and have them contribute 3% of that, an arbitrary figure, for programs that would alleviate hunger," Cramer, 50, told The CJN in an interview prior to his pitch to Toronto community leaders at the Temple Emanu-El.

"It's clear that in this world there is a major gap between abundance and deprivation. There are logical bridges to be built between the two and that is very much in keeping with the Jewish tradition."

Until now, Cramer suggests, there hasn't been an adequate Jewish response to the problem of hunger. Mazon is a "contemporary expression" of the Jewish reaction.

"Hunger is the most basic of human deprivations. You can get by without housing, but with hunger, nothing else moves.

"We understand that hunger is about two things: politics and money. As they say, everything else is commentary," said Cramer, a former consultant who operates Mazon fulltime from Los Angeles.

"Today, people don't eat because they can't afford to. There's enough food on this planet to feed 7 billion people."

Yet, he points out, 40,000 children and thousands of adults worldwide die every day from hunger.

And Cramer has little praise for the domestic policies of President Ronald Reagan. Since Reagan came to power six years ago, the number of American hungry has increased by 4 million, he claimed.

The Reagan administration is also guilty of using food as a political weapon, particularly in Marxist Ethiopia, to which Reagan cut off food aid in 1982, Cramer noted. "It had to do with politics."

And in Canada, the annual national deficit, at its current rate, is doubling every four years. "In Canada," Cramer said, "there will be a day of reckoning.

"There's a shortage of political will and of dollars. We have to look less and less to the public sector and deal with the problem ourselves."

Mazon's goals, he explained, are threefold: First and most obviously, to feed people, Jews and non-Jews alike; to sensitize Jews to the problem, and to establish a stronger Jewish presence in fighting hunger.

While it will be especially responsive to Jewish hungry (20% of North American Jewry is said to live below the poverty line), Mazon, in keeping with the best of Jewish tradition, will respond to all those in need, Cramer noted.

How Mazon will actually translate dollars into food is by funding, in turn, projects such as Meals on Wheels, various urban drop in centres, soup kitchens, the Salvation Army and so on. Mazon itself does not undertake projects.

It will also fund educational programs on hunger and research projects on how to fight it. In the long term, Cramer feels, educating people is the best way to combat hunger in North America.

Proposals on how to distribute funds are now being considered. Mazon expects to make its first grant in June.

What the group won't do is send food or money to famine-stricken African countries.

"Emergency African relief is adequately covered by others," Cramer said.

Already, there are 50 U.S. synagogues that are Mazon partners and Cramer believes the number will double by this summer.

"What has taken me by surprise," he pointed out, "is that people are thrilled there is a Jewish conduit for their concern.

"By adding to the fund, the simcha spender will get more joy in a very real way."

For more information on the Canadian chapter of Mazon, call Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld at 449-3880.

Harnoy to perform for Ezrath Nashim

By
RONA ARATO

TORONTO — When cellist Ofra Harnoy mounts the stage to perform at Adath Israel Synagogue on April 19, members of the Toronto Committee for Ezrath Nashim will enjoy a well deserved feeling of accomplishment.

This group, formed a mere four months ago, has in short order, organized two successful concerts and generated thousands of dollars for the purchase of medical equipment for the Jerusalem hospital.

Ezrath Nashim Hospital for Psychiatric and Geriatric Treatment and Rehabilitation was founded in 1895 to serve the population of Jerusalem as a psychiatric treatment centre. The original 2-room facility in the Old City has since grown to become a leading research and treatment centre.

A geriatric unit was added in 1976 and researchers at the hospital are currently involved in trying to solve one of the major puzzles of our time — the mystery surrounding the cause and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease.

On a recent visit, Harris Gulko, director of development for the hopsital, told the committee about the important work being carried on at the centre. Gulko, an ex-Torontonian, was instrumental in the establishment of the Toronto chapter. He informed the group that he's delighted with the enthusiasm and response they've had in their maiden ventures into fund raising.

Gulko spoke of the feelings of warmth and caring that are an ongoing part of Ezrath Nashim's care program and glowed when he spoke of the researchers, working for a fraction of what they would earn in North America, accomplishing "wonders in the field of diseases of the mind."

Ezrath Nashim is accredited by Hadassah Medical Centre for residency training in psychiatry and is recognized by the Hebrew University school of social work, department of psychology and school of occupational therapy. The facility is 75% funded by the Israeli government but Gulko stresses that it's the additional monies raised by groups like the Toronto committee that make the difference in the quality of work they're able to do on all levels.

"We are working to put on our programs on a shoestring," says Toronto committee coordinator Shula Robin. "That way everything we make goes directly to the hospital."

The Toronto group was established with the help of Dr. Ruth Zaretsky a Toronto psychiatrist who served as the first president.

The committee's future plans include an open house for prospective members in May and a series of three concerts and a movie night.

Membership in the group is open. Robin says "it is a wonderful opportunity for people who want to make new friends and have a good time while working for a worthy and rewarding cause."

Anyone wishing further information on the Toronto Committee for Ezrath Nashim should phone Shula Robin at 636-0781.

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Eitz Chaim's girl students excel in Torah Fair

TORONTO —

About 300 children at the Viewmount, or girls' school, branch of Eitz Chaim Schools brought different aspects of the Torah to life recently through a multitude of projects during this year's Torah Fair.

Grades 1 through 9 participated in the 1-evening fair which attracted more than 500 visitors to see their creative interpretations in writing, painting, papiermache, clay, sewing, and murals on different aspects of the Torah.

The theme of the fair this year is as always, says librarian Eva Kaplan "emphasizing and rededicating ourselves to the Torah."

Coordinated by grade 6 teacher Elaine Kobrin, the fair offers students who have creative talents to shine in their academic environment, says Leo Adler, principal of the girls' school.

"This year the quality of the work and the detail is extraordinary," says Kaplan. "The attractiveness is really superb."

Among the many projects created this year were the grade 9 class' project on the Gedolim, the great rabbis and scholars; a mural composed of oil-painted tiles on the 39 Melachot of the Sabbath; and others illustrating the concept of Shatnes and the plagues in Egypt.

This is the third Torah Fair at the school, says Adler. The first was held in 1982, and the second in 1984. In the in-between years students participate in a science fair, he says.

The fair serves not only as an opportunity for creativity, says Adler, but as an introduction to organized research. For a project on lost Jewish communities, the students had to familiarize themselves with the holdings of the Jewish Public Library, Adler says.

The students have to come to understand the abstract concepts, to make their presentations effective, the principal says. "They are tremendous innovators," he adds.

Jeni Tencer displays her project on the Radzyner Rebbe at the Eitz Chaim Torah Fair.

Malls promote children's safety

TORONTO —

Shopping centres across North America are joining forces in a campaign to promote child safety. The KIDS Identification Sign-Up week will run April 7-12.

Shopping Centres in Toronto, like their counterparts across the country, will provide a free fingerprinting service for any child. In addition, some centres will have a photographer available to provide parents with an updated photograph of their child, which they can include in the safety package, the International Council of Shopping Centres has announced.

The program's objectives are to provide fingerprints to parents to retain privately and safely in case they are needed in the future for identification, and to train parents and children to follow sound rules of child safety and protection.

The child safety movement is gaining momentum, especially in Toronto where recent highly publicized abductions of children have aroused fear in many communities.

Day care centres and elementary schools are being contracted so that entire classes can be brought to a mall for fingerprinting, the council states.

Participating shopping centres in the Metropolitan Toronto area include: Yorkdale, Fairview, Town & Countrye, Shoppers World, Bayview Village, Don Mills Centre, Peanut Plaza, Scarborough Town Centre, Cedarbrae Mall, Markham Place, Hillcrest Mall, Markville Shopping Centre and Cloverdale Mall.

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April 6	Canadian Zionist Federation, grand finale of public speaking competition for youth. 9:30 a.m. (age group 23-30) Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue; 3 p.m. (19-22) Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue; 7:20 p.m. (15-18) Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue; 9:30 p.m., presentation of prizes by Consul-General Gideon Saguy, Neri Bloomfield and Lewis J. E. Moses.
April 6	Jewish Film Society, Image Before My Eyes. 4600 Bathurst St., Admission by membership card only.
April 7	Eli Wiesel, 3rd annual lecture, sponsored by Aish HaTorah, "Rediscovering Judaism ... Our Precious Legacy." Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., 8:30 p.m. For information, 636-7530.
April 9	Ontario Branch Women's League for Conservative Judaism, World Affairs Day. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Guest speakers: Maria Elena Hoffstein, lawyer; Genya Intrator, co-chairman of Inter-Religious Task Force on Human Rights in the Soviet Union; Helen Cooper, member of National Task Force on Syrian Jewry of CJC, and Bob Kaplan, MP. For information and registration, 633-3838.
April 13	Choral concert, sponsored by Toronto Jewish Music Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress, 12 choirs participating. Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., 8 p.m. No admission charge.
April 15	T'nach Study Group, Toronto Jewish Cultural Council. Lecturer, Joseph Shier, Amos, chapters 7, 8, and 9. Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m.
April 17	Free Noon Hour Concert Series, Jewish Community Centre, featuring Jeanette Hirasawa, flute and Karen Rymal, piano. Bring your own lunch. 4588 Bathurst St., Koffler Gallery, 12 noon.
April 19	Ezrath Nashim benefit concert, Jerusalem Hospital, featuring Ofra Harnoy, cello and Shaya Petroff, piano. Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., 8:45 p.m. For tickets and information, 630-4253.

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Aaron Nussbaum, new director of education of United Synagogue Day School, celebrates the 25th anniversary of USDS with students (from left) Jordan Gnat, Eytan Szmuilowitz, Michelle Weill, Suzi Cass and Lowell Conn at the Bathurst campus. [David Smiley photo]

Anti-Christian graffiti doesn't deter pastor

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The pastor of North York's New Covenant House, which was daubed with anti-Christian graffiti recently, says his objective is not to convert Jews to Christianity but "to sow the word of God."

The Christian mission, located at 764 Sheppard Ave. W. — in the heart of Metro's Jewish community — has long been the target of pro-Jewish messages painted on its walls since it opened there 14 years ago.

The most recent round of hate messages included spraypainted slogans like "Jews don't switch!" and "Spiritual Nazis."

Rumors that New Covenant House operates like Jews for Jesus — which actively tries to recruit Jews — are untrue, said the pastor, who preferred not to be identified.

"We're not a cult. We're not a sect. We're a Christian mission. Our message goes out to Jew and Christian alike.

"It's not our purpose to convert people. Only God can do that. Our message is contained in the Scriptures; in the Old and New Testaments," he told The CJN.

The mission operates by spreading literature door to door in the community, he said, and it teaches the New Testament as "the fulfilment" of the Old Testament.

These latest attacks are not the worst the mission has seen, he added.

There have been windows smashed and once, a pipe bomb was tossed through a basement window. The grafitti, he said, is a regular occurrence.

"Anti-semitism is not half as strong as anti-Christianity," the pastor said.

The vandalism has been strongly condemned by B'nai B'rith's League for Human Rights.

Alan Shefman, the League's national director, told The CJN the acts of graffiti reoccur every six months or so.

"It's pretty obvious the same people are doing it. It's a real cowardly act. There's no excuse for this kind of thing.

"Given the history of the Jewish community, we cannot condone any type of vandalism against a religious institution. We'll work with the police if we can."

Const. Mark Mendelsohn of the Metro police force ethnic squad says acts of vandalism against the mission have been constant over 14 years but have proven very difficult to solve.

Shefman added the mission "hasn't been very successful" in getting new converts.

"We can't measure success," countered the pastor. "Our message is one of love and hope. Our sympathy is with (the Jewish) people. We are one with the Jews. Our message is contained in both Testaments."

Even the name of the mission is translated into Hebrew letters on its door, he said.

Being located in a heavily Jewish area does present challenges, the pastor admitted, but "as long as it's legal to disseminate the word of God, we'll do it."

Contribution to USDS recognized

Nussbaum assumes new role

TORONTO —

Aaron Nussbaum, founder and principal of United Synagogue Day School for 25 years, has been appointed to the new position of director of education, Harvey Joseph, USDS president, announced.

Nussbaum will guide the new principal (yet to be named) and the present vice-principals.

"Dr. Nussbaum is being recognized for 25 years of dedication to United Synagogue Day School," said Joseph, "and it seems only fitting that his 25th year should coincide with the silver anniversary of the school itself."

Under the leadership of Nussbaum, the student enrolment at USDS has grown from 66 pupils, in 1961, to over 800 in 1986, Joseph added.

Nussbaum is one of the most experienced Jewish educators in North America and has served longer than any other Jewish school principal in Toronto.

He received his Jewish pedagogic training at New York's Jewish Theological Seminary where he majored in theology and history, leading to a degree as Doctor of Hebrew Literature.

Professional colleagues have elected Nussbaum as president of the Jewish Educators Assembly, the largest organization of Jewish professional educators in North America, out of respect for his proven leadership qualities, Joseph said.

Nussbaum also teaches Jewish History at the Toronto Jewish Teachers Seminary (The Midrasha) and at York University.

Shapiro gets top post at education ministry

TORONTO —

Bernard Shapiro, author of the Ontario government-commissioned report on government funding for private schools, has been appointed Ontario's deputy minister of education effective July 1.

Shapiro, director of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) since 1980, was appointed in July 1984 to head the 1-man commission into the role and possible funding of the province's elementary and private schools.

The commission was established following former premier William Davis' decision to extend Catholic school funding to all secondary grades.

In his report, released in November, 1985, Shapiro recommended that Ontario should fund private schools — including the Jewish day schools — provided they affiliate with public school boards.

However the provincial government has stated that it does not intend to fund private or independent schools.

In his October budget, treasurer Robert Nixon announced the government's commitment to dismantle OISE by merging it with the University of Toronto.

Harold Cipin takes over as Bloor Y branch director

TORONTO —

Harold Cipin has been appointed Bloor Y branch director, Jewish Community Centre president Bernard Kamin announced recently. Cipin's position commences June 1.

Harold Cipin

Prior to joining the Bloor branch of the JCC, Cipin served as athletic fitness and health services director of the Montreal YMHA, and earlier was assistant executive director of the Calgary Jewish Centre.

Cipin, 34, along with his family moved from Montreal to Toronto in June, 1985 where he assumed a position as program director at the Bloor branch. Shortly afterwards, Cipin joined the Canadian Maccabi team during the 1985 Maccabiah Games as medical coordinator, and on his return, resumed his duties as program director with the guidance of Irwin Soren, Cipin's predecessor.

Under Cipin's direction, the Bloor JCC introduced the Sunday at Bloor series of speakers, Monte Carlo Night and a joint program with Maccabi Canada for a Chanukah Festival.

Cipin feels that with the influx of young Jewish families in the area, there is potential to further raise the profile of the Bloor St. branch.

In addition to his duties at the JCC, Cipin is a member of the Maccabi Canada board of directors.

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Toronto's immigrant Jews stick together, meet told

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

The large influx of Jewish immigrants to Toronto from outside Canada, as well as from other provinces must be closely examined to determine what its Jewish community is like, says sociologist Stuart Schoenfeld.

"Toronto now has an over-representation of those producing wealth and not as many dependents as Montreal," the Glendon College sociology professor said at a recent study evening at Kehillat Ahavat Chesed, a new egalitarian Conservative congregation.

"There is a sense of energy to create new things," Schoenfeld said at the wide-ranging discussion on Toronto's emergence as Canada's largest Jewish community.

Schoenfeld said that while Montreal was historically the centre of Canada's Jewish population, this changed after 1971 in favor of Toronto. He said that in 1971, there were over 109,000 Jews in Montreal and about 103,000 in Toronto. A decade later this had reversed and there were over 103,000 Jews in Montreal and over 128,000 in Toronto, making it the largest Jewish city in Canada.

Schoenfeld said an interesting point is that statistical data indicate that over 23,000 of Toronto's Jewish population lived elsewhere prior to 1976. This, he said, is dramatic as it shows the large number of newcomers to the city within a five year period.

Moving into a discussion of the topic, one member of the group who came to Toronto in 1974 from Edmonton claimed that a large number of immigrants to Toronto don't feel like part of the community due its size and complexity.

Participants discussed the tendency of immigrants to live in small groups. Schoenfeld said studies of Russian immigrants have shown that they tend to cluster in one area of the city. While there has been no similar study of Montrealers, he said many of them initially live in Rosebury Square in the Roselawn-Marlee area.

Schoenfeld said the growth of Toronto's Jewish community has mixed effects as there is a tendency for those who migrate here to get involved in small "c" community events, rather than big "C" community. As well, it was pointed out that while Toronto's Jewish population is growing, it may be doing so at the expense of smaller Jewish communities.

One of the participants suggested that rather than Toronto's Jewish community being one big community, it is instead a number of distinct communities which overlap.

"There is not one group that represents the community," he said.

Participants said the problem with dealing with established organizations is that they have their own agenda and inertia. However, if one wants to become involved, obstacles are not put in the way, they concluded.

The role of The Canadian Jewish News in the community was also brought forward with Schoenfeld praising the newspaper for reaching out to Jews outside the Toronto community.

"The CJN is representative as it upsets everyone about something," said one participant.

Medical law area said undergoing dynamic change

TORONTO —

In the diversified field of law, one of the fastest changing areas today is medical law, says the president of the Canadian Institute of Law and Medicine.

"Legal laws have to be changed as medical knowledge changes, said Gilbert Sharpe, nephew of Hadassah-WIZO national president Cecily Peters. His father, Dave Sharpe, was the brother of Sam (Shopsy) Shopsowitz.

Gilbert Sharpe

Sharpe, president of the 1,200-member association which takes in those from the medical and legal fields, said he decided to enter medical law in university after a brief stint in medical school as he saw the need to develop policies and laws for the health care system.

First elected as president of the association in 1979, Sharpe, legal counsel for the Ontario ministry of health, said he is responsible for coordinating activities with other medical and legal organizations and chairing meetings.

As well, Sharpe has been involved in changing Ontario's mental health laws covering who can be committed to mental institutions. These laws have served as a model for other provinces, he said.

Sharpe was also elected editor-in-chief of Health Law in Canada, the official publication of the institute, in 1979. As editor, Sharpe said he gets the opportunity to meet people from around the world and read their views about medical law.

"It's an interesting area of law where things are always changing," he said.

Sharpe is an associate professor in the faculty of health sciences at McMaster University in Hamilton and is project chief on the mental disorder project in the federal department of justice.

JWB to honor Blitzer, Bikel

TORONTO —

Jerusalem Post correspondent Wolf Blitzer and international performer Theodore Bikel will be honored at the JWB Biennial Convention, scheduled for April 9-13 in Toronto.

Blitzer will receive a Communicator's Award at a media showcase on April 10, and he will speak on the political situation in the Middle East and relations between the U.S. government and Israel.

Bikel will receive the Frank L. Weil Award on April 11 for his distinguished contribution to Jewish culture.

Wolf Blitzer

Blitzer has been covering the Washington foreign policy scene since the 1973 Yom Kippur War and he has met with top American, Israeli and Arab political leaders.

Before coming to Washington, he worked as a foreign correspondent in the Tel Aviv bureau of the Reuter News Agency.

He is the author of the highly-acclaimed book, Between Washington and Jerusalem: A Reporter's Notebook.

Blitzer has been a frequent commentator on television news programs such as ABC's Nightline and Good Morning America, NBC's Overnight, CBS' Nightwatch, PBS' McNeil-Lehrer News Hour and Washington Week in Review.

His articles have appeared in major international newspapers and magazines, including The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times and The New Republic, and his syndicated column is carried by The CJN.

Blitzer's appearance will be one of the "exciting" events planned for the 1,500 delegates expected to attend the 5-day conference.

Highlighting the convention will be a reception hosted by the Canadian Jewish community, featuring political personalities from all levels of government.

Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander and Ontario Premier David Peterson will attend the reception at the Sheraton Convention Centre, along with a number of politicians from the federal, provincial and municipal governments.

The goal of the convention is to allow representatives from JWB, the leadership network of 275 Jewish community centres, YM-YWHAs and camps in North America, the opportunity to meet to discuss program ideas, the problems they face and to exchange information.

Biennial 86 is open to the public, with a registration fee of $60.

For more information, contact Barbara Lampcov, volunteer coordinator for the convention, at 636-1880.

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The Wonderful World of Home Decor

Use a little imagination

Colors and accessories can transform your rooms

By
MONICA SEGAL

We've all seen pictures of the perfect home. You know the one . . . it has all the right colors, all the expensive furniture, and it makes you sigh just a little.

Then there are the articles that tell you peach is in and brown is definitely last year's trend.

Well, you're not about to throw out good furniture just because the colors are changing so you look around and shrug.

You'd like to give the room a lift but how are you going to do it without having to take out a second mortgage?

Step one: Forget most of what you've read. Colors come and go but you have to look at it like a hemline. All lengths are in right now and in decorating, all colors can be worked with.

Peach is very popular and it can be used very much like a neutral. It will work with greens, browns, blues . . . actually anything but red tones.

It will give a lighter feeling to your room and at the same time warm it up with a splash of spring softness. Also, perhaps an unknown plus to peach tones is that they actually complement skin tone.

Look in the mirror when you are surrounded by harsh greens for example and then again when you're around peach or rose tones. No, you didn't get any younger during the experiment, but it sure looks like it, doesn't it?

Use accessories to give the room a facelift by picking up peach throw cushions for the sofa or loveseat.

Silk is lovely but it can be costly, so if you're thinking about the budget, go for a good imitation in polyester.

Now get yourself a flower arrangement either in the dried variety or silk. Peach tones again, mixed with a dash of the predominent color in the room. (Take samples of your carpet and upholstery whenever possible. Memory isn't reliable for these things.)

Add a small throw rug in peaches, your main room color and maybe a little off-white.

Voila! A new softness with very little money. One cautionary word though . . . if you've decided to give the room a face lift rather than a major overhaul, make sure you do it all at the same time.

Buying one piece today and the next six months from now can be an expensive lesson. Start with the cushion. You pay, you take it with you and you go in search of the rug. If you can find the rug in the same shades as the cushion, grab it. If not, return the cushion.

Taking one article home and shopping for other things later will find you in a mess. If you don't find the right carpet, the cushion is no longer returnable after months have passed.

Bad enough, but what if you'd bought a few cushions? More money down the drain. Make a list of what you want to find, buy one article and take it with you while searching for the others.

If you're low on funds, a small deposit will hold your treasures and you can pick them up later but at least you'll know everything will work together. Happy decorating!

[Monica Segal is the owner of Duval Interiors in Toronto.]

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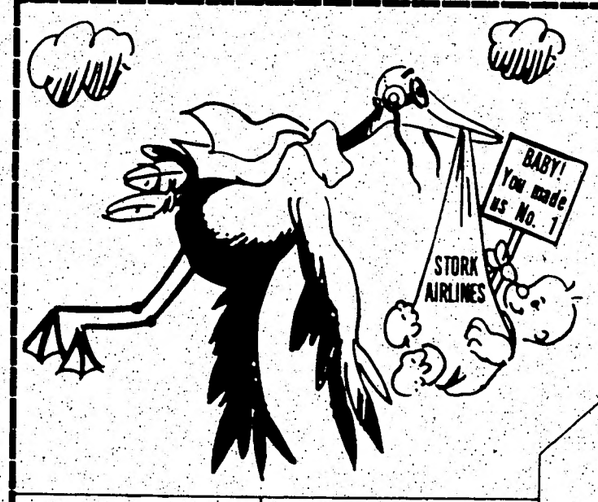

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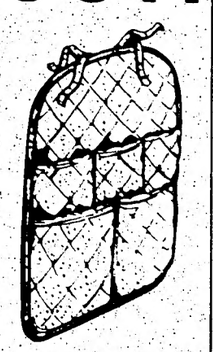

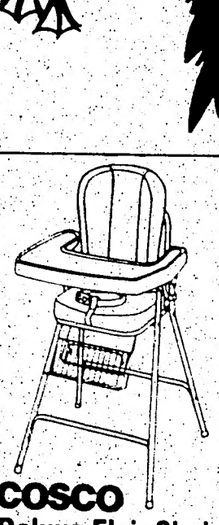

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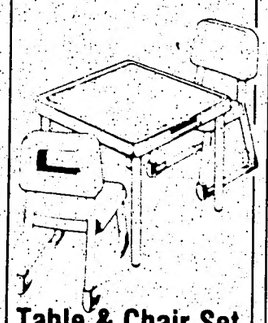

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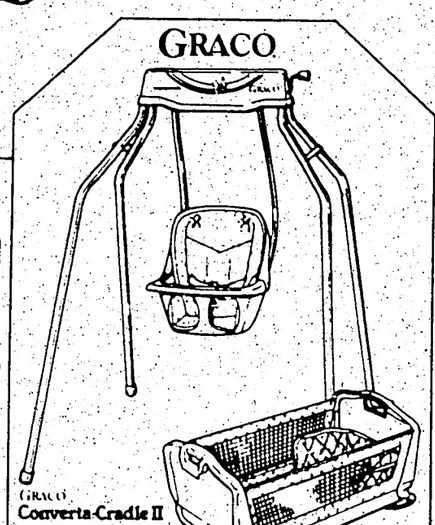

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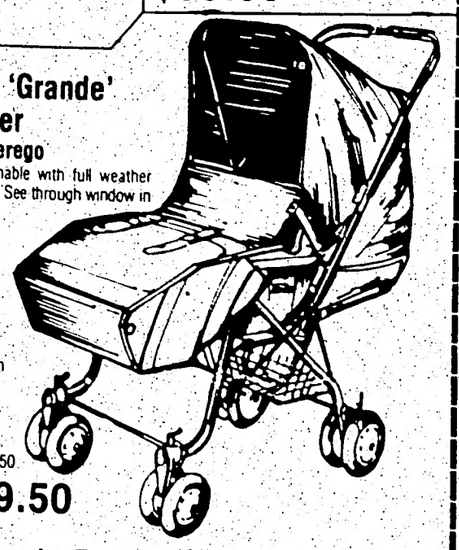

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"People do not want to work out in public"

A home gym overcomes the hassles of exercising

By
LORI SMITH

In the physical fitness conscious 1980s, exercise has become an intrinsic part of many Canadian's everyday lives. However, time constraints and the feeling that health clubs and gyms offer little in the way of privacy and convenience are often stumbling blocks when it comes time for a person to follow a regular exercise program.

But many people have successfully solved those problems and incorporated a fitness regime into their lifestyle by creating a home gym.

Harvey Eker, co-owner of Fitnessland, an exercise equipment store, explains that the trend to home gyms follows the trends to home computers and home entertainment systems.

"People are spending more time at home and a home gym offers them convenience, comfort and privacy — a lot of people do not want to work out in public."

Marc Dubois, Eker's partner, adds that many people work a lot and have families so the last thing they want to do is come in in the evening and then go out again.

But the building of a home gym can be a complex undertaking. The plethora of equipment is staggering. The natural questions that arise are "What equipment should be bought? and when?" and "Where should it be put in the house?"

According to Dubois, the first and most important thing to do is to seek the advice of fitness professionals. Anyone buying home exercise equipment should have a fitness test and checkup with their doctor.

Once that is done, equipment should be purchased at a fitness equipment store. There the staff has the necessary knowledge and can demonstrate how the machine is used and suggest exercise guidelines.

Dubois says that the first piece of equipment should be one designed for cardiovascular workouts — a rowing machine, stationary bike or treadmill. The choice of which of those to purchase is personal. "Your ideal first piece will be the one you're most likely to use."

The second piece of equipment should also be one that provides a cardiovascular workout. Dubois explains that the two pieces not only give the heart and lungs exrcise and burn fat and tone, they also confuse the muscles.

"By alternating on the two pieces of equipment the muscles become confused and don't have a chance to adapt efficiently to one kind of movement. It's called the muscle confusion principal." And he adds that the second piece of equipment means that someone can exercise with you providing necessary companionship.

The third piece of equipment should be a muscle toning unit — weights, bands or whatever. Dubois says that with this machine a person can tone whatever he or she wants to. And the fourth piece of equipment should be either cardiovascular or muscle toning. "Something for variety. It can be a skipping rope or free weights."

Dubois suggests that all pieces of equipment should be tried before buying. "Lean on it, stand on it and move on it. If it feels light and flimsy and the bolts are moving, it is no good. If it is stable, the joints are welded and it feels smooth and enjoyable it is probably a good piece of equipment."

But Dubois explains that right now there are certain prices you can't go below and get a good piece of equipment. He says rowing machines and stationary bikes below $300 are a risk and home gyms and universals below $700 aren't necessarily safe.

Once the equipment is purchased the question of where to put it remains. Dubois says that the days of putting an exercise bike by the furnace in the basement are gone. A home gym has to be in a warm, well lit, well-ventilated room. "It can't be a dingy place."

He suggests that a few accessories be added to the room. "Mirrors are great. You can see yourself and make sure you are doing the exercise properly and critique your form. And you should have exercise mats so you have a comfortable surface for stretching and other floor exercises." According to Dubois the proper environment is essential.

When the gym is set up Dubois says the biggest problem remaining is disciplining yourself to make the time to work out. "It is best to make an appointment with yourself to work out. It also helps if you can work out with someone."

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Harvey Eker, co-owner of Fitnessland, worked out on the Schwinn Airdyne bicycle.

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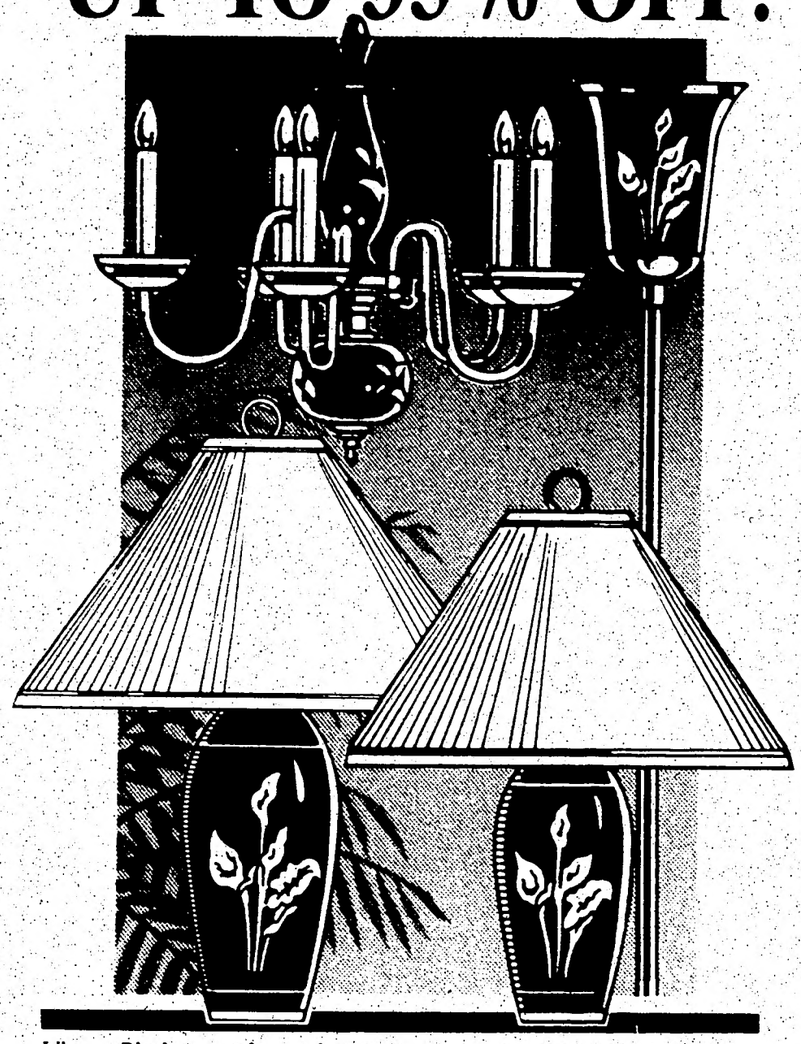

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Never go out of style

Antiques can add beauty to any room in your home

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Like classical music, original oil paintings or works of literature, antiques are timeless pieces of art that never go out of style.

From a brass candle holder to a large walnut table, antiques add beauty and elegance to an otherwise stark room.

"Nothing warms up a dull room full of sleek modern furniture like a walnut table or detailed rosewood chest," says interior designer Vicki Michaels.

She adds that the eclectic look is popular today and many people are adding antique pieces to their modern furniture.

Emil Gadet, owner of Unique Furniture on Avenue Road agrees that antiques break up the boredom of a modern room.

"As long as a piece is not so large it overshadows the rest of the room, it will blend. Different woods and different styles mix well together."

As an example, he points to an elaborately carved solid rosewood table with a leather top from the Victorian era and says that it can blend in almost any room.

"As well, this cherry wood and bronze Napoleonic cabinet can serve as a liquor cabinet in most livingrooms."

Sandy Baker, owner of Sandys Antiques on Bathurst St. says that small antique pieces also add beautiful detail to a room.

"A Royal Crown Darby dish in a floral pattern adds a nice touch to a table," says Baker.

She adds that even the "barest room will warm up with an Oriental or English brass candle holder."

Gadet, who explains that antiques may be "anywhere from 75 years old and up" says that well-made antiques are so hard to come by he may see only five or six good pieces a year.

"Well-made antiques age well. An expert can spot genuine well-made antiques immediately by the aging of the wood, the aging of the finish and the way the joints are put together."

He warns amateur antique hunters against buying from anyone "but a reputable dealer because it is easy to get fooled."

Gadet notes that the beauty of many antique pieces is their elaborate carving. He points again to the games table which sits on a centre base with four feet. "The artist spent two days carving each foot. Detail was essential to them."

He shows a burled walnut elaborately-carved jewelry box sitting on top of a walnut dresser and says the box alone took three days to carve.

"Because each piece is handmade, no two pieces are the same. You will never see your identical cabinet in another living room."

Michaels says that today, although many companies are copying the antique look, costs prohibit them from spending so much time on each piece.

"It is unfortunate, but talent from the past does not exist now," she says.

She notes that antiques are becoming very popular because people are interested in quality pieces.

"Very popular now are stained glass hanging and table lamps by Tiffany and all kinds of irredescent glass — vases, bowls and dishes."

She adds that many people are turning away from broadloom and are covering their floors with handwoven tapestry rugs. "They're beautiful and they last forever."

Michaels says that "buying marble antique mantle pieces and putting them in living rooms has also become very big."

Baker notes that many young brides have come in looking for a few Aynsley serving pieces to brighten up their set of dishes.

She points to heavy silver flatware with detailed handles and says that brides are also buying a few pieces of these to accent their silverware. "Everybody is into antiques."

Baker says that as well as being beautiful, the silver lasts longer and is worth more than contemporary silverware.

Gadet says that because good antiques are so hard to come by they are a good investment. "You'll never lose money on a quality antique."

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The Swim and Spa, to give it its proper name, is 20 feet long, 8 feet wide and 42 inches deep. It's divided into two areas, a spa and a 14 by 8-foot pool.

"The pool area isn't large, but then it doesn't have to be," says Corney. "People swim in place against strong currents. It improves a person's swimming ability and is good, healthful exercise."

With the aqua-jogger, jets of water shoot up from the floor, giving a person's body buoyancy and allowing him to jog in place.

"In the U.S. where they first introduced the Swim and Spa, they had Olympic swimmers demonstrating it and they were hard pressed to keep up with the current. It's a real challenge and will give people a workout."

Temperatures can be altered between the two areas. Most people prefer to keep a spa at 102 degrees while pools vary from 75 to 90 degrees.

The Swim and Spa can be installed in one day at a retail cost of between $10,000 and $12,000. Corney estimates that a vinyl dome could be added over the top for $1,200 or an air dome for $1,400.

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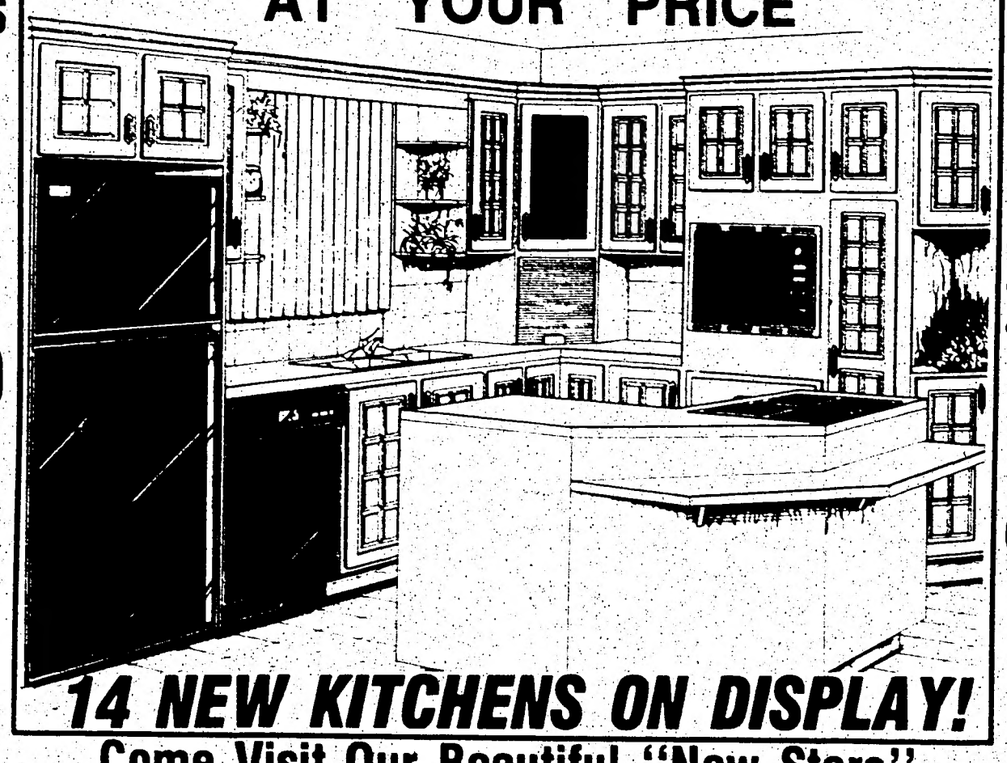

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By
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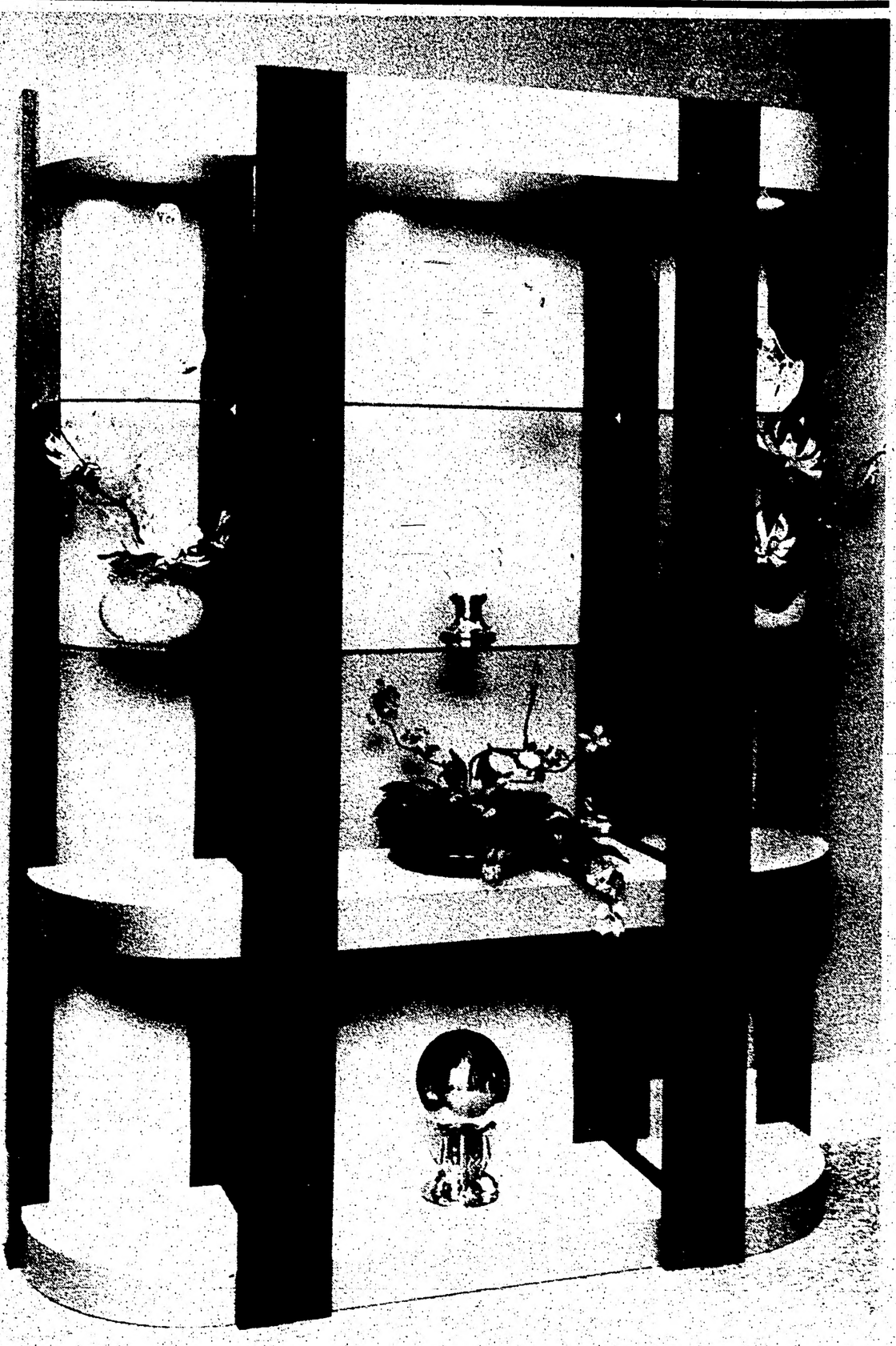

A curio or entertainment centre by Regency. Three pieces that can be purchased separately.

Ont. firm wins awards

Lacquered look a sensation

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

The furniture sensation of the decade is the new lacquered look.

At the 1986 Trillium Awards, which recognizes the achievements in marketing and product design of furniture manufactured in Ontario, Regency Interiors in Scarborough competing for the first time, was the winner of five prestigious awards.

Regency Interiors is believed to be the only furniture manufacturer in the world to mass produce lacquered furniture.

Complementing today's uncluttered decor, lacquered furniture, in simple straight and curved designs — many with brass trim — has been replacing traditional wood pieces.

And the range of colors include the popular black, gray, white and beige as well as shades of peach, tourquoise, burgundy and pink.

The linen-look and high-gloss lacquered furniture have moved firmly into the furniture marketplace. They are resistant to scratches, burns and wipe clean with a window spray.

"It's almost indestructible," says Max Kingston, responsible for the designs and sales at Regency.

Kingston has been in the custom-made cabinetry business for more than 17 years.

He began experimenting with linen and lacquer pieces 10 years ago and was determined to mass produce this furniture.

"It's amazing," says Kingston. "You can find linen-textured vinyl pieces of furniture in many expensive homes today." And he adds that the demand is growing.

For years, Kingston has worked with the top designers, architects and decorators, many bringing their own original designs to Regency to be produced.

"The designs and colors are unlimited," says Kingston. "They are favorably priced and we produce furniture for every room."

In their showrooms, there are award-winning textured linen dining room tables with leaves and chairs. The average retail price of a dining room table is from $1,500 to $3,000.

There are occasional tables (most under $1,000) and a 3-piece curio or entertainment centre trimmed with brass (all three pieces are under $2,000 and are sold separately).

Regency furniture is sold at the Bay, Simpsons, De Boer's, Plus Five, A Special Place and many other fine furniture stores.

Although Regency does not sell direct to the public, they have a showroom at the International Centre, Room 205, represented by Lydia Auriemma.

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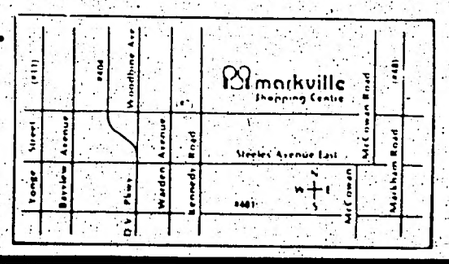

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Rainbow line caters to kids

By
LORI SMITH

Versatility, adaptability and color are the trademarks of Berg Furniture of Canada Limited's Rainbow collection for children.

Doreen Benou, a representative of Berg Furniture of Downsview, says that the 30-piece collection is limited in use only by lack of imagination. It can be mixed and matched and adapted as the child grows into a teenager.

The Rainbow line features trundle beds, bunk beds, armoires, desks, bureaus, and a number of other pieces of furniture with sleek, rounded white bodies and a choice of 11 colors to be used for trim and detail.

The color strips, which range from dusty rose and blue that are popular in Ontario, to the royal blue that is most popular in Quebec, are velvet-finish melamaine which is made in Israel and imported to Canada.

Benou says that the strips slide onto the frames and in some cases can be changed (strips on the rungs of the bunk beds, for example, can not be replaced easily.)

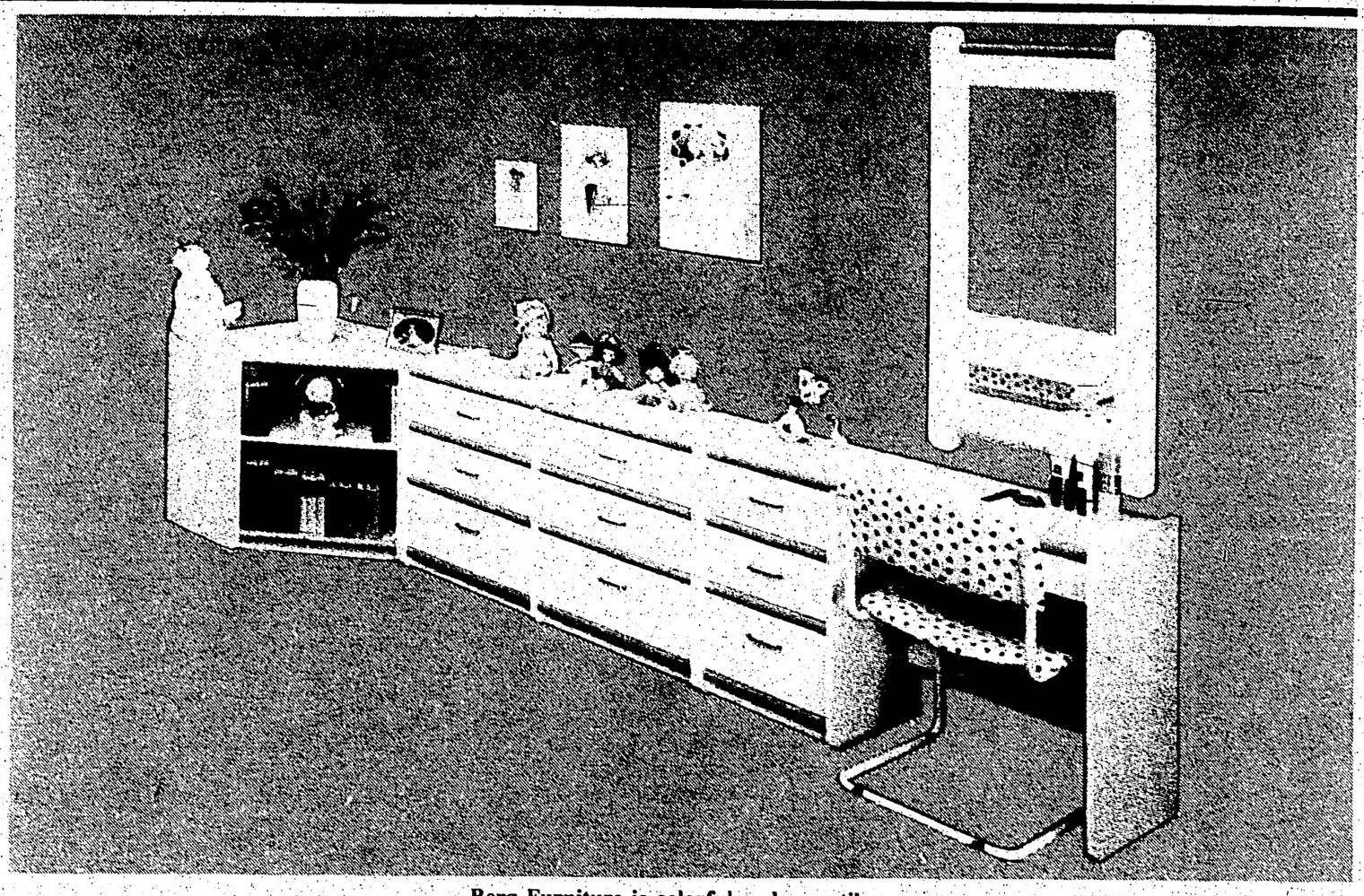
The inside of armoires can be rearranged to include both hanging space and shelve space. Tape covers the holes that are not in use.

She adds that the daybeds may have drawers under them which is a spacesaver and the trundle bed can easily fit under any of the other beds.

Benou explains that the design of the furniture has been strongly influenced by European styles.

Berg Furniture has produced it for the last three years and pieces can be added at any time.

The Rainbow collection is available in furniture stores and juvenile stores across Canada.



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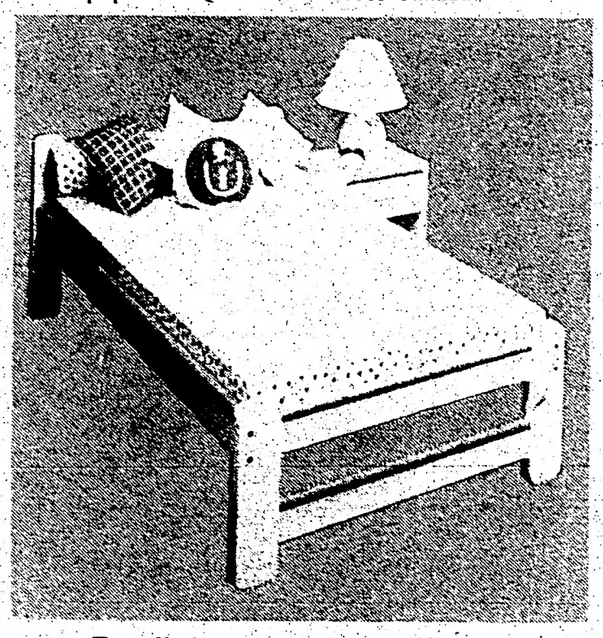
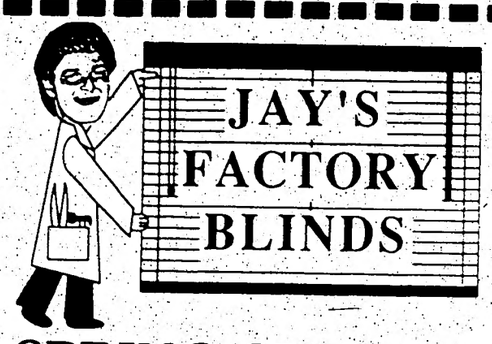


Trundle bed by Berg Furniture.



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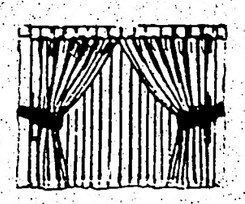

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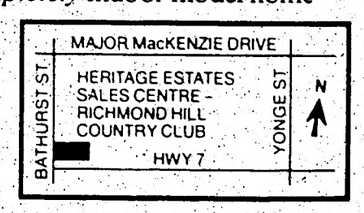

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Home Decor

Geraldine Eisen with bathroom display.

Personality, house key factors

No trend in bathroom design

By
LORI SMITH

There are no real trends in bathroom design today, says Ginger Eisen, owner of Ginger's Bathrooms at 945 Eglinton Ave. E.

"It depends on the house. If a person is buidling a very modern house then we have very modern fixtures and tiles to put in it. But if a person is moving into a renovated house or is building one that's designed like an older home then we have shapes that were the style in the 30s and 40s. Everything old becomes new again.

"And we have everything in between. It's a question of what we have that's new that will fit into the different designs of houses. What we have that's compatible with a home."

Eisen's store is the quintessential bathroom shop. Entire sections are devoted to specific items such as tiles or faucets or tubs. And in each section the styles range from very modern to very classical.

"We go from start to finish in the design of a bathroom. We have seven designers on staff who will work with the customer."

She explains that a beautiful bathroom is a matter of choosing tiles and fittings and colors to go together and to fit in with the design of the house.

In the store, several completed bathrooms are on display. They range from the very modern to art deco to classical to very elegant.

Eisen points out an extremely contemporary bathroom. White angular fixtures with modern taps and faucets and a shower stall in clear, tempered glass.

Another bathroom is typical of the 30s. White tiles with black diamonds on it, old fashioned faucets and a pedestal sink with a tiffany glass window and an Erte print.

Eisen says it is the kind of bathroom she could live with forever — clean lines, clean colors.

Another bathroom is pure elegance; a rich marble floor is complimented by dark cream fixtures. The tub is set in to a marble platform.

Eisen travels to Europe frequently to find the most up to date, interesting and unique items for the bathroom. Among the things she imports is a hand carved marble pedestal sink for a powder room.

"An old gentleman in Portugal carves them. When he dies a good part of the art will die because there are very real artisans today."

She says that she has just returned from Europe where she has bought a number of new things.

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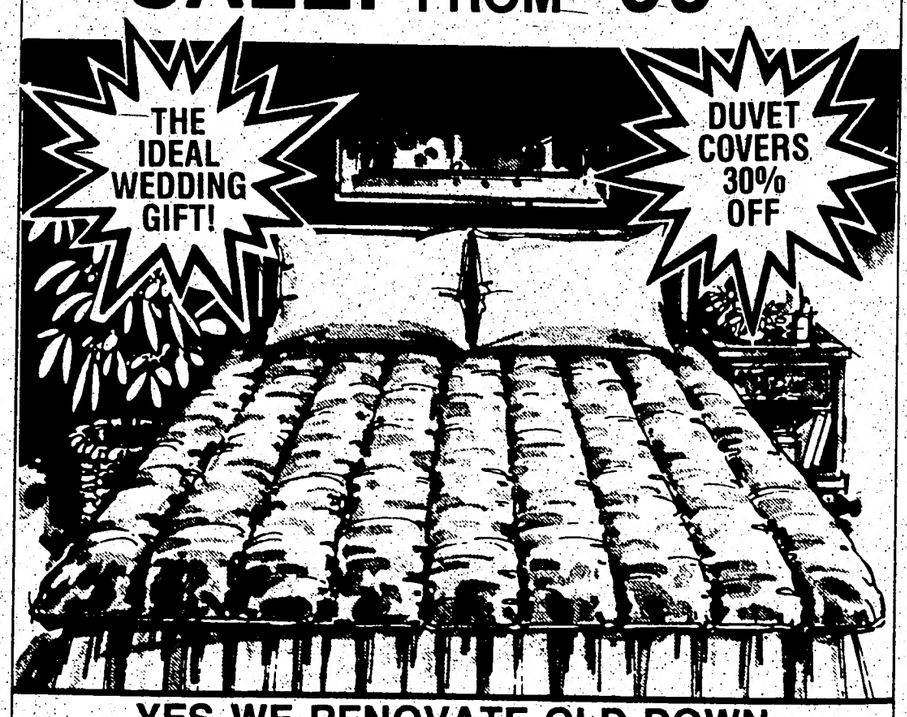

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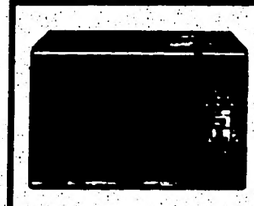

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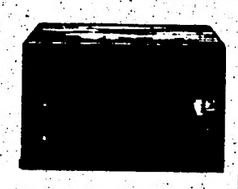

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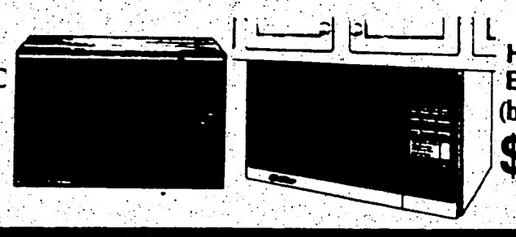

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Montreal firm designs clothes for the majority of women

By
LORI SMITH

It is probably fair to say that many women have neither any interest in following fashion trends closely or the dollars to buy designer clothes.

Instead, these women want attractive, well made, fashion touched but basically classic, garments at an affordable price.

So while the couturiers create high-fashion ensembles for the rich and for trend aficionados, manufacturers such as Kovac Manufacturing Inc. in Montreal, create clothes for the majority of women.

Heather McNair, the Toronto sales agent for Kovac, explains that the company, which has been in business for 30 years, established its name with ladies' pull-on pants made in an exclusive 100% polyester fabric called 24K. Now they have four lines: Mr. K., Country Club, Jade and K for Kids.

McNair explains that the lines are not trendy. "It's a basic classic look. The company changes with time but not drastically. They don't want it to go way out."

This spring the different collections feature any number of up-to-date styles, classic looks and varied colors.

The Country Club group, which is a junior-misses line of clothes in 100% cotton and blends of 50% cotton and 50% polyester, offers the customer a range of colors including royal blue, red, bright yellow, peacock, white, black and pastel shades.

The styles include Bermuda shorts, 30-inch flared skirts, stirrup pants and oversized shirts.

A floral patterned, pastel colored, flared skirt and a knit top with matching floral inserts exemplify the line as do cropped pants and an oversized shirt with three quarter sleeves.

McNair says that this type of clothes are good for work, weekend wear and ready-to-wear. They have a clean cut and a good silhouette.

The Jade collection is a line of loungewear that is for the most part made in polyester and cotton interlock knits.

This season's selection includes a tank dress with ribbed top and solid colored skirt. The lengths are a little longer this year and floral prints are popular.

McNair says that pastels are "in" in the collection. The K for Kids line has not been fully developed yet but stirrup pants and harem pants in polyester/cotton interlock fleeces are popular.

Finally, the Mr. K collection, which features the 24K fabric pants, offers mix and match coordinates. It is designed for the misses-contemporary market and is classically designed.

McNair says that a new pant is avaialable now that has total control panelling. This panelling holds the stomach in and continues right around back.

All the lines offered by Kovac Manufacturing are available in major department and chain stores and in independent stores.

Country Club 50-50 poly/cotton shirt with elastic waist and matching bomber jacket. T-shirt in 65-35 poly/cotton interlock available in red, royal and gold at all the major department and retail outlets. (Ronny Shinder photo)

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Outerwear lighter, still long

By
LORI SMITH

Spring in Canada is a transitional time of year; a time when the warmth of summer is just a promise in the air and the cold and wet of winter can linger ominously. For that reason transitional clothing is a necessity, particularly in terms of coats and jackets.

Everything about the spring outerwear is lighter: the colors, the fabric, the completed garment.

It is just the assurance we need that summer, that great no-coat winter, is on its way.

Nat Cales, of Nat Cales Sales Agency, the Toronto firm that represents Winnipeg-based Sterling-Stall, a manufacturer of coats and jackets, says that this spring there is a slow return to lightweight wools, and that lengths for full coats are still long. Forty inches in spite of the fact the Americans are showing coats that are just an inch below the knee.

To illustrate his point he shows a long, double-breasted, white wool coat. Pleats flow in the back from shoulder bone to shoulder bone. The only contrasting line is the low slung half belt.

White is the predominant color ideal for matching all other colors.

A new color — mauve — is strong and jade, a shade that has been popular for the last year and a half, continue to be "in." Of course the more traditional colors, such as navy, beige, dark beige, nude and celery, remain spring outerwear staples.

The wet look in spring outerwear has also returned.

In terms of style points, single- and double-breasted coats are both popular. And for the most part they feature open necklines with notched lapels. "People are just a little tired of the mandarin style collar," says Cales.

Pant-length coats are still very important.

"They are expected in all fabrics because they can be worn with slacks, dresses or skirts."

A short wool pant coat in navy with pleating in the back and a small half belt demonstrates his point.

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Fashion

Body consciousness plays big part

Bernard Cowan collection features two design trends

By
LORI SMITH

Time has always been a precious commodity and many of today's women are experiencing a severe shortage.

When one considers that many of them have a career, raise children, manage a household and remain physically and socially active, the question that begs to be asked is, "What can the fashion industry do to help this woman buy an attractive, quality outfit or wardrobe in the short amount of time she has available to shop?"

What the fashion industry is doing is developing lines of coordinated sportswear and career clothing. A premiere example of this is the collection manufactured by Bernard Cowan in Toronto.

Shelley Gold, a sales representative for Marvin Hersh Agencies, the firm that represents the Cowan line, explains that what the customer is being offered is a coordinated package.

"The customer no longer wants to buy separates and hop from department to department, so our aim is to provide her with everything we possibly can at the retail level. It makes it much easier for her."

Gold says that the collection is definitely for today's woman. In terms of silhouette and proportion it is headed in a European direction.

The fabrics are imported from the finest couteriere houses in Italy, Switzerland and Germany.

The collection features two design trends: body conscious fit and 1950s influences. Gold says that as a result of the fitness craze people are more aware of their bodies. They feel better about themselves.

"So body consciousness is a big part of fashion this season. We're showing more leg, more arm, more back. Skirts are either full and long or fitted to the body."

Garments influenced by the styles of the 1950s include baggy, pleated trousers a la Katherine Hepburn; huge cowl collars that can he pulled up on the head to emphasize the face (a look that evokes memories of Audrey Hepburn and the late Grace Kelly), and any of the items where the focus is on the waist — a double-breasted, swiss pique cotton jacket fitted to the waist and pants with cummerbunds.

The colors featured in the collection are fuchsia, white, black, gold, green, blue, taupe, ivory and navy. Gold says that emerald and gold are particularly important shades this season.

Patterns include florals, jacquards and plaids. The plaids which are available in both bold and conservative styles are being predominantly worn as tops, i.e. jackets, with solid bottoms.

However the central feature of the line in general and each grouping is the mix and match aspect. Gold explains that a number of jacket styles and skirt styles are available in each section.

"A woman might wear a jacket with a shorter, slim skirt or if she is more conservative she might wear a jacket with a shell underneath and a longer, full skirt."

In addition patterns and colors in each group are designed for maximum flexibility.

The Bernard Cowan line comes in sizes 4 to 16 and also in petites. It is available in better ladies' specialty stores.

Young designer shows classic elegance

By
MOURA WOLPERT

ANCASTER —

"I'm not a trendy person, that's why my business has done so well."

Beverley Norman is only 26 years old but she's rapidly putting the little town of Ancaster (just east of Hamilton) on the fashion map. And she's doing it with the classic eloquence and unerring sense of style that will have her clothes remain fashionable long after the latest trend has come and gone.

She specializes in custom design, everything from gala evening to streetwear, bridal gowns in particular and as well, knitwear.

She works only with the finest fabrics — imported mostly from Europe — and her craftsmanship and attention to detail are meticulous.

A graduate of the Sheridan College fashion course, Norman has been in business for herself for the past six years, the first two working out of a basement studio in her parents' home and for the past four as the owner of a business that has expanded from a 1-room operation to showroom and workshop downstairs, a large knitting studio and living quarters upstairs.

Everything is made on the premises with the assistance of three seamstresses and a couple of Sheridan College students on their work week.

Last year Norman began to sell retail and "it's snowballing," she says.

"I'm starting to draw customers from Toronto," she adds and it's not surprising. These are haute couture clothes at prices that compare very favorably with Toronto.

Prices start from around $300 for a silk blouse; dresses with full matching lining start at $450 and wedding gowns from $1,000. (The beading on an exquisite white organza creation took 40 hours by hand, she points out).

"What's happening in fashion today is that people can no longer tell you what to wear."

The knits she designs and makes herself, working from rough sketches. And as if that weren't enough, she runs three knitting classes of 10 students each per week as well as weekend workshops. Another sideline is selling knitting machines.

Norman does one big fashion show a year and the next one will be at a gala dinner in support of the Hamilton Regional Neuro-Oncology Foundation on April 11 at Liuna Gardens in Winona.

For information about the fashion show call Lori Clark at (416) 389-6784.

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Arts

Malamud described human struggle against adversity

By
FRANK RASKY

NEW YORK —

Bernard Malamud, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author who was regarded internationally as the "father of the Jewish American novel," died in his Manhattan apartment here last week at 71.

He wrote eight novels and four collections of short stories, which reflected the influence of both classic masters of Russian fiction the likes of Fyodor Dostoyevsky and traditional Yiddish storytellers the likes of Sholom Aleichem.

Most of his works combined what one critic called "compassionate pathos and comic nuttiness." In them, the Jew serves as a universal symbol of the afflicted who somehow manage to survive adversity.

Malamud himself, the son of a Yiddish-speaking Russian immigrant grocery shopkeeper in Brooklyn, expressed it in more down-to-earth terms.

"All men are Jews," he insisted. He called himself a storyteller who chronicled tales of "simple people struggling to make their lives better in a world of bad luck."

Despite the atmosphere of gloom and doom that permeates many of his stories about the timeless Jewish ghetto of New York — really, the transplanted shtetls of Eastern Europe — he maintained that he didn't write about losers.

"One of my most important themes is a man's hidden strength," he said. "I am very much interested in the resources of the spirit — the strength people don't know they have until they are confronted with a crisis."

Two of his novels were converted into Hollywood movies.

The Fixer, winner of both the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award for fiction in 1967, was made into a John Frankenheimer film the following year, starring Alan Bates and Dirk Bogarde.

Based on a true story recounted to him by his father, as well as the infamous Dreyfus case and "what had happened in Nazi Germany," it told of a courageous Jewish handyman falsely accused by czarist Russian officials of ritual murder. The peasant emerges from his Kafkaesque ordeal in the Siberian prison camps having learned this grim lesson: "There is no such thing as an apolitical man — especially a Jew."

Bernard Malamud

His 1952 novel, *The Natural*, was made into a movie in 1984, starring Robert Redford and Robert Duvall. It's a lyrical, goofy fable about a *shlemiel* who dreams of being a baseball star, and it ends with magic transforming "a man into a *mensch*."

A short story he wrote called *The Angel Levine* was also made into a 1970 film, starring Zero Mostel and Harry Belafonte. It concerns the Jewish tailor, Manischevitz, who deludes himself into thinking that a Black visitor is a messenger sent by God. He is thus enabled to overcome his Job-like misfortunes.

Many critics believed that his most poignant and imperishable work is his 1957 novel, *The Assistant*. It's about a Gentile Italian hoodlum named Frankie who robs a luckless, eternally suffering Brooklyn grocer, Morris Bober.

Frankie goes to work for him out of a mixture of pity and guilt. He assumes Bober's own sorrows until, transformed by love, and influenced by boyhood memories of the St. Francis of Assisi legend, he takes on the identity of the Jew after Bober's death.

Bober was based on the author's own father, Max Malamud, a chronically sick, henpecked grocer, who worked in his shop 16 hours a day.

Looking back at his childhood, Malamud recalled there were no books in his home, no cultural nourishment whatsoever, except that on Sundays he would listen to someone else's piano through the open living room window.

The budding author began scribbling out stories in the back room of the store and continued to do so throughout his career as an English professor at a number of U.S. universities.

He was a firm believer in storytelling. "With me, it's story, story, story," he once said. He had no patience with novelists who substituted style for narrative.

"They remind me of the painter who couldn't paint people, so he painted chairs," he said.

His technique of swift transitions in scenes in his novels he picked up by studying intercutting in the movies.

"I was influenced very much by Charlie Chaplin silent films," he said. "By the rhythm and snap of his comedies and his wonderful, wonderful mixture of comedy and sadness."

The rise of Hitler's Nazis, the revelations of the Holocaust — as well as Malamud's marriage in 1945 to a Gentile Italian, Ann De Chiara — stimulated the novelist to question his identity as a Jew and compelled him to read of Jewish lore.

He thus became aware that Jewishness was to become his prime subject for exploration.

"The suffering of the Jews is a distinct thing for me," he explained. "I for one believe that not enough has been made of the tragedy of the destruction of 6 million Jews.

"Somebody has to cry — even if it's a writer 20 years later."

Film on Olympics sings praises for athletic glory

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

If you didn't watch the 1984 Los Angeles summer Olympic Games on TV and wish you did, you would do well to see *16 Days of Glory*.

Written and produced by Bud Greenspan, 16 Days is a paean to the agony and ecstacy of athletic excellence.

Now playing at Famous Players' Cumberland Theatre, 16 Days focuses on about a dozen athletes who distinguished themselves in the 23rd Olympiad.

Unfortunately, the selection is totally arbitrary, even capricious.

Carl Lewis, the U.S. sprinter who surpassed Jesse Owen's record by winning gold in four events, is not included.

One suspects he was excluded because he was not the most likeable runner on the American track team. Lewis alienated more than a few uptight officials with his refreshing honesty. Before the Games got underway, he had the effrontery to admit in public what other athletes kept to themselves: their interest in cashing in on their medals.

If Lewis had been just a little more diplomatic, he could have become wealthy and popular in one fell swoop. And, if it matters, he could have been idolized in 16 Days by Greenspan, a filmmaker who is fond of fulsome adjectives.

This is not the only drawback in 16 Days. Undue emphasis is placed on the opening and closing ceremonies, which were admittedly spectacular, if somewhat hokey, and America's role is aggrandized.

These caveats aside, 16 Days is professionally-crafted and intensely moving.

The most emotional moment in the film, which is nearly as long as the marathon itself, comes when the invincible Japanese judo champion wins a gold medal despite a painful leg injury.

Having defeated his Egyptian adversary, he savors his triumph as tears stream down his cheeks. The scene is perfectly spontaneous and extremely touching.

Another moment of poignancy occurs when the wife of Edwin Moses, the undefeated hurdler, runs on to the field to embrace her husband after he streaks to victory.

The camera catches that beautiful vignette effortlessly.

In gymnastics, 16 Days zeroes in on Mary Lou Retton of the U.S. as she edges out Katarina Szabo of Romania to win the women's title. Retton's graceful twists and turns are reason enough to be captivated. But her advisor's frenized reaction to her sudden triumph is what makes these scenes all the more memorable.

The decathalon duel between Britain's Daley Thompson and West Germany's Juergen Hingsen is played out like a symphony, while the unprecedented victories by Canadian swimmers is duly noted and praised.

Art sale to aid Hadassah

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

A sale of Inuit art will be held by the Arctic Experience Gallery of Hamilton and Hadassah-WIZO Council of Hamilton 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, April 7 at Beth Jacob Synagogue, 375 Aberdeen Ave.

As well, two appraisers from Toronto, one for fine arts and one for antiques, will be on hand throughout the day for appraisals of art objects, silver and chinaware, paintings and sculptures, at $5 per item. Twenty-five per cent of the gallery's proceeds and a percentage of the appraisers' fees will go towards various Hadassah projects.

"As well as helping Hadassah, the sale will also help us get to know people," says Lorraine Cohen who, with her husband Marvin, runs the Arctic Experience Gallery and who is also secretary of Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO and co-convenor, with Shiran Noseworthy and Sheila Cohen, of the sale.

If successful, the sale may become a major annual fund raising event for Hamilton Hadassah.

Included in the sale will be a wide variety of items to suit all tastes and budgets, says Marvin Cohen. There will be animal carvings and human figures such as hunters and children, a number of prints and a selection of handmade silver and ivory jewelry.

Prices start at $20 for small carvings and go up to $1,500 for the most expensive, a large bear, with several, including walruses, in the $900 range, says Lorraine Cohen. She also suggests the sale may be of interest to people looking for bar and bat mitzvah gifts.

The Cohens opened their Hughson St. gallery almost three years ago following their return to Hamilton from a stay in Frobisher Bay. Marvin Cohen still makes an annual buying trip to the Arctic every November and the couple is planning a summer trip to Baffin Island and Greenland for their clients, although they're not yet certain whether it is be this summer or next year.

The sale will include a number of pieces "brought down specially and some that have been put away, not just the things people see regularly in the gallery," adds Marvin Cohen.

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By VIVIENNE MUHLING 483-9331

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Contemporary comedy from feminist viewpoint

Isn't It Romantic could use more tam and freilichkeit

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Isn't It Romantic (at the Leah Posluns Theatre until April 13) is a funny, bittersweet Jewish crowd-pleaser that's good but could be better.

For deadline purposes, Wendy Wasserstein's 1983 Off-Broadway comedy hit had to be reviewed during a preview performance. So it's conceivable that Blake Heathcote, a former assistant to Broadway director Harold Prince, has since improved the lacklustre direction.

In the version that we saw, the scenes were draggy, the dialogue seemed too talky, and the Jewish humor too often bland and flavorless, like a loaf of sliced white factory-wrapped bread rather than pumpernickel rye hot out of the oven.

Wendy Wasserstein, a Yale School of Drama graduate whose previous plays include *Any Woman Can* and *Uncommon Women*, has here written a contemporary comedy about middle-class Jewish values from a feminist viewpoint.

It deals with Janie Blumberg, newly graduated from a New England state women's college, who comes to New York to find herself a career as a script writer and a possible Mr. Right she might marry.

She does find an ideal job, writing comedy for the TV children's show, *Sesame Street*.

She also finds a seemingly ideal mate — a young Jewish doctor who calls himself "a nice, sweet shmucky guy who'd like to settle down in Flatbush and have three kids."

But to the dismay of her mother — a pushy, "*noodjing*" stagestruck mother who teaches interpretive dancing — Janie rejects Mr. Right because she believes he'd wind up being a boring Mr. Wrong for her intellectual needs.

In the climactic last scene, Janie finally rebels against the smotherly love of her domineering Yiddish Momma, and we leave her resolved to find herself.

Wasserstein is no Neil Simon. But she does manage to extract chucklesome humor out of the comic situations she has set up.

Whoops of laughter from the audience showed they identified with references to the UJA benefiting from the sale of non-kosher shrimps and the generic description of housemaids as "strangers from the Caribbean."

This reviewer found most amusing the attempts by Janie's WASP college friend (beautifully played by blonde Stratford actress Caro Coltman) to grapple with the Yiddishisms in the *Oxford Companion of Judaism*. Thus *naches*, as she pronounced it, emerged as the Mexican tidbit *nachos*.

Janelle Hutchison, a graduate of both *Anne Of Green Gables* and *The King of Kensington*, delivered an uneven performance as Janie. She was delightful when dancing around her apartment with a plucked chicken she didn't know how to roast for her doctor boyfriend. But perhaps because of direction, she didn't quite bring off the scenes calling for wistfulness rather than *Cosmo* and feminist wisecracks.

The standout performers were Winnipeg actress Lillian Lewis as a fully-realized Jewish mother who couldn't see anything wrong with giving her daughter a little bit of a noodj; and versatile Ted Simonett, who recently played a quintessential WASP in the local musical *Yuppies*, and here is a credible Jewish doctor who wants to return to his Jewish roots.

The major disappointment was Sam Aaron, a natural-born Jewish jester who looks and talks like a fusion of Walter Mathau and Lou Jacobi. He is wasted in the role of Janie's father, given no opportunity to display his considerable gifts for clowning.

One hopes that, before its engagement at the Leah Posluns is completed, director Heathcote will have injected more Jewish *tam* and *freilichkeit* into a promising Jewish comedy that still lacks Jewish *saichel*.

For ticket reservations, phone (416) 630-6752.

Janelle Hutchison (left) as a Jewish college graduate and Caro Coltman as her WASP friend draw lots of laughs in comedy Isn't It Romantic at Leah Posluns Theatre.

Oratorio at Holy Blossom

TORONTO —

Songs of Triumph, an oratorio based on the Song of the Red Sea and the Song of Miriam by Morton Gold, will be presented by Holy Blossom Temple on Monday, April 28, at 8 p.m.

Participating in the production are: Cantor Benjamin Maissner, tenor solo; Holy Blossom Temple Singers; members of the Toronto Concert Singers; the Community Chamber Orchestra of York University; and James McKay, the conductor.

Erica Goodman, described by the temple as "an acclaimed Canadian Harpist" will be the special guest artist.

The piece, which consists of three parts, recreates the "triumphant crossing of the Red Sea by the Israelites following their Exodus from Egypt."

Organizers say that "although the work is triumphant in nature because it relates one of the most glorious moments in Jewish history . . . it is also a work of serenity and peace where the texts dictate."

Gold, composer of Songs of Triumph, is music director and organist at Temple Israel in Bloomfield, Mich. He received a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Boston University in 1960.

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Arts

90 originals at Koffler Gallery

Matisse linocuts graceful complement to epic poems

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

"Engraving on the linoleum is a true medium for the painter-illustrator," wrote French artist Henri Matisse. Although he wasn't as well known for his engravings as for his painting, Matisse, who died in 1954 at age 85, was good at linoleum and wood cuts and became better after a series of operations left him an invalid in 1941 and allowed him more time to engage in less demanding engraving and illustrating of books.

The Koffler Gallery is presenting a showing of 90 of Matisse's original prints from linoleum cuts done between 1940 and 1944. They are simple 8 inch by 10 inch works — thin white lines on black backgrounds but far more complex than they first seem.

First published in 1981, the linocuts are illustrations of verses taken from two volumes of mythological epic poems by the French playwright and poet Henry de Montherlant: Pasiphae and Chant de Minos (Les Cretois).

Results

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They tell the story of Pasiphae, the wife of Minos. According to the poem, when Poseidon, the god of the sea, gave Minos, the son of Zeus, a bull for sacrifice, Minos kept it for himself. In anger, Poseidon caused Pasiphae to fall in love with the bull and as a result, she gave birth to the monster Minotaur, who had the body of a man and the head of a bull.

Matisse had sketched de Montherlant's portrait in 1937 and at about the same period, began experimenting with linocutting. It took the author's work for the artist to master the process of engraving: "A simple white line upon an absolutely black background...," mused Matisse. "This book took me six months' work, all day and often at night too."

The results are rich, sensual yet graceful complements to the written words, which accompany each print. With a few delicate lines, Matisse has captured the sensuousness and powerful erotica of de Montherlant's work. For some verses of the poems, Matisse has rendered only one illustration. For another verse, there are 14 variations.

The themes explored in the prints include a couple in various states of embrace, a sexually aroused bull, the face of Pasiphae and female nudes. Each evokes poetic images of its own in its elegant simplicity.

One of 90 linocuts by Henri Matisse illustrating the mythological poem Pasiphae, currently on view at the Koffler Gallery.

Instead of carving reliefs into his surface, which would have yielded black images when inked, Matisse gouged into his plate and retained most of the linoleum's surface. When inked, the solid black dramatically brings out the incised white lines.

The artist has also provided five white-on-red linocuts which serve nicely to break up the black and white.

Many of the prints may seem repetitive at first but each stands on its own.

The show continues to April 20.

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In the adjacent Loggia Gallery, English-born Toronto sculptor Angela Houpt is exhibiting 32 sculptures of alabaster and serpentine.

Actually, only three are of the greenish serpentine and they depict, surprisingly faithfully, fossils of now extinct animals. Houpt proudly says they are so realistic that they've fooled fossil experts.

The bulk of the display is of simple themes sculpted from smooth, off-white Italian or pink Colorado alabaster. These are renditions of sails in full flight, corals, icebergs, puffy clouds and breaking waves complete with foam.

The beauty of these pieces is that they are light and airy in a medium that is physically heavy and solid.

The display continues until April 11, when it will travel to Australia.

Documentary on Jerusalem

TV special presents loving portrait

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

The National Geographic Society's recent TV Ontario documentary, *Jerusalem: Within Three Walls,* is a loving portrait of a "mystical, sacred city of the soul" rooted in 3,000 years of turbulent history.

Conquered by the Babylonians, Persians, Romans, Crusaders, Turks, Arabs and British, Jerusalem is now, once again, under Jewish control.

Twice destroyed by rampaging foreign armies, Jerusalem remains the crucible of the world's greatest monotheistic religions — Judaism, Islam and Christianity — and, paradoxically, a symbol of peace and brotherhood.

In this 1-hour film, sonorously narrated by Christopher Plummer, the history of the city is briefly shown in a series of film clips ranging from Gen. Edmund Allenby's triumphal walk into Jerusalem in 1918 to Moshe Dayan's victorious arrival at the Western Wall during the 1967 Six Day War.

But most of all, the focus is on contemporary Jerusalem and its diverse people: Orthodox Jews in black caftans and sidelocks hurrying along, oblivious to their surroundings; veiled Moslem women tiptoeing down a busy byway; Western Christian pilgrims exulting in the annual rites of Easter.

Separate islands in a vast ocean, they all have a "fierce connection" to Jerusalem, living together in "uneasy coexistence."

In well-crafted vignettes, the people of Jerusalem come alive.

The Jews are represented by Yosef Zadok, a traditional Yemenite jeweler, and Theo Seebenberg, a Belgian Holocaust survivor who spent 15 years and $3 million in turning his home into an archeological museum.

Halil Hali, a furniture repairman and occasional comic actor on Israel TV's Arab service who traces his ancestry back 1,300 years, represents the Moslem population.

Father Timothy, a Greek national who feels closer to Jesus in Jerusalem, is representative of the Greek Orthodox colony.

Elia Kavegian, a photographer, typifies the Armenians of Jerusalem. Rounding out the mosaic is Anna Grace Lind, the descendant of a Swedish-American family which settled in Palestine more than a century ago.

The portraits, while usually illuminating and even touching in their appeal, suffer from two flaws.

First, the selection of two foreign-born Jews gives the impression, however subtle, that the Jewish inhabitants of Jerusalem are basically interlopers. Why, for instance, couldn't the producers have included a Jew whose family has been in the city for at least hundreds of years? There are many to choose from.

Second, the documentary would have been richer and more typical of Jerusalem's poulation mix if one more Arab, say a Christian, had appeared.

Otherwise, Jerusalem: Within Three Walls is a tour de force of filmmaking.

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Audiences flock to Limelight for Simon classic

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The idea of a production half in Yiddish and half in English works well if the translation is good, the directing crisp, and the acting at a professional level. This was proven in Come Blow Your Horn at Limelight Dinner Theatre.

This production of the classic by Neil Simon, directed by Reva Diament Lawry, drew capacity audiences (the theatre seats 240) for its Sunday matinee and evening performances.

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A . . . My Name is Alice fractures audiences

Raven-haired beauty Cole versatile in musical revue

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

A theatre critic once said of Beth Anne Cole that she "can sing as sweetly as a sparrow, as passionately as a nightingale, and as ironically as a mocking bird."

What he didn't say is that the Jewish singer, dancer and songwriter is also a comedienne as funny as Fanny Brice in her heyday.

She is capable of doing a hilarious version of Brice's Yiddish theatre ditty about a bride jilted at the synagogue chupah by her no-goodnick of a boyfriend titled *Oy, How I Hate That Fellow, Nathan!*

And, to demonstrate her versatility, she portrays no less than five comic roles in the musical revue titled *A . . . My Name Is Alice*, which has been fracturing audiences at the Teller's Cage Dinner Theatre.

In case you haven't seen the show, which concludes its record long run on April 12, the tiny 5-foot-1 jester with the teardrop eyes in the rubbery heart-shaped face depicts the following characters:

• A successful career woman who reverts to weepy infancy when scolded by the domineering kindergarten teacher of her 3-year-old child.

• A baseball player named Spike who's into sado-masochism.

• A chantootsie who thinks she's a genuine Piaf chanteuse because she's able to name-drop in a chanson such exotic French words as escargot, fillet mignon and Maurice Chevalier.

• A hardboiled, hard-hat construction worker who becomes a cowardly softy when a feminist turns on him for openly ogling at her "gazoombas."

Beth Anne Cole

• A middle-aged yenta who gloats when she discovers the rabbi's wife seated nearby her at a male strip show and likewise panting over the virile young men wearing nothing but a G-string and a cowboy hat.

She is, in short, a consummate actress — a 1-woman vaudeville show who has been a theatre pro for 20 years.

In a CJN interview the other day, she also came across as a sensitive woman, harmoniously in tune with her Judaism.

"Jewishness is a deep part of my identity," said Cole, a raven-haired beauty in her 30s, married to Toronto family therapist Bill Davidovitz.

"To me, it's a cultural thing rather than a religious thing," she said. "The most vital part of that identity is the Jewish sense of irony, which contributes so much to our humor."

But the Winnipeg-born actress, who grew up mainly in Ottawa, found nothing amusing about the anti-semitism she experienced when she was an 8-year-old attending Iona Public School in Montreal.

"Though 90% of the students there were Jewish, the school came under the supervision of Montreal's Protestant School Board," she recalls.

"I was disturbed because everybody in the class, including our Jewish teacher, had to stand up each morning and sing *Jesus Loves Me*. That was demeaning.

"But what really shocked me was the school principal who thought nothing of publicly yelling at a student one day, 'You dirty Jew!'

"I never forgot that insult, and was relieved when my parents next year moved to Ottawa."

Her father, Walter Cole, a retired Ottawa civil service engineer now in his 60s, taught her to appreciate George Gershwin and Jerome Kern Broadway musical ballads. Her mother, the former Rita Taerk of Toronto, was likewise supportive of her theatrical aspirations.

Their daughter took singing lessons after showing her vocal prowess at Ottawa's Modern Hebrew School, where the tiny tot soulfully sang, *Chanukah, O Chanukah!*

At 15, she was a pro, belting out Piaf ballads on Ottawa radio variety shows. And after three years of training at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art in England, she returned to Canada to tour in her own 1-woman cabaret show.

Currently, Toronto record producer Peter Mann is preparing a Beth Anne Cotte album to be released later this year.

It will contain several of the dozen ballads she has written. Among them are *Dream's Daughter*, about a demure-looking girl burning with passion sinside, and *No Regrets*, about the true feelings of a fair damsel who has been swept off her feet and carried away on horseback by a knight in shiny armor.

Cole's own true feelings about her multitude of talents are expressed simply this way:

"For a performer, there's nothing more rewarding than hearing applause — the recognition of the audience that you've touched them in the heart or the funnybone."

One of the great cantors now at Shaarei Tefillah

By
RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —

He had the most solemn and sacred duty that could ever be entrusted upon a cantor: to officiate at funerals for fallen soldiers in Israel's wars, offering spritual solace and comfort to the bereaved.

In this capacity, Cantor Chaim Weiner served with greatest honors for nearly 15 years, and emerged as a high-ranking officer.

Now, Weiner, one of contemporary Jewry's greatest cantors, is beginning a 3-year term of service at Toronto's Shaarei Tefillah Congregation.

Cantor Chaim Weiner

Born in Romania, Weiner grew up in Haifa, where he began singing in the Great Synagogue of Haifa school choir. He joined the army and eventually became chief cantor of the northern command, where he began his duties of officiating at funerals for fallen soldiers.

During the Yom Kippur War, by which time Weiner had become the associate chief cantor of the entire army and managed the office of the military chief rabbinate, he himself became involved with 300 funerals.

He often performed 10-12 funerals per day. "It was a tremendous, traumatic, heartbreaking, emotional experience every time," the cantor said.

"Of many of the soldiers who had fallen, I had officiated at their weddings weeks earlier," he said. "Someone had to do it. Often during the war, I would marry soldiers prior to their leaving for the front, then return days days later to perform their funerals."

Not only did Weiner comfort the families of the dead but he also comforted the soldiers who barely missed death but sustained permanent wounds. In the Rambam Hospital in Haifa, he entertained 20 soldiers in one room, all of whom had lost their eyesight, and whose faces were covered by bandages. Nonetheless, they all looked at him, even though they couldn't see. "I can't forget that experience. I sang 4-5 hours non-stop."

During the Lebanon war of 1982, besides officiating at funerals, Weiner was in charge of training the sons of generals and other military-intelligence VIPs for mitzvahs. These two duties tragically converged when one of these general's other sons, of whom Weiner termed "a brilliant boy," was killed in the war.

The general searched all over Israel for Weiner, and when the two finally met up, it was a "very sad conclusion," he said. "There were countless experiences like that."

Following the Lebanese war he was first chief cantor of Rishon Le-Zion and then that of Petah Tikvah.

After leaving the army as a high-ranking officer, Weiner, needing a well-deserved break, gravitated towards Toronto where his parents have lived for the past 17 years.

Weiner will live here with his wife and three daughters for three years before returning to Israel.

Goldberg staging 1-woman showing

VANCOUVER —

Lori Goldberg, a well known Jewish artist, is having a 1-woman showing of her paintings at the Vancouver Jewish Community Centre's Shalom Gallery from March 26 to April 9.

Entitled Sources, Signs and Symbols, the exhibit represents a departure for the artist. It will focus on Jewish themes: kettubot (marriage contracts), mezuzot and amulets in paintings that have an antique look to them.

Born in Vancouver and educated in British Columbia and at the Ontario College of Art, Goldberg has had numerous group shows and 16 1-woman shows.

Goldberg will deliver a talk on her work on Wednesday, April 2 at 8 p.m. in the Shalom Gallery, located at 950 West 41st Ave.

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Arts

Conveys the country's mood in Hebrew

Israeli comedy team Hagashash to perform in To.

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By
RICK KARDONNE

Durability is the ultimate test for entertainers. And Israel's best known comedy team, Hagashash, who will be performing April 2 at Minkler Auditorium at Seneca College at 8.30 p.m., is a fine example, having been a headlining act for over a decade.

While maintaining their hectic viewpoint of the average Joe attitude, the true key to Hagashash's durability has been their ability to encapsulate the changing attitudes of grassroots Israel.

The mood of Israel is considerably different from that of March, 1982, when they were last in Toronto. And Hagashash, by presenting an all new show, will convey, through affectionately satirical antics, today's basic mood in Israel.

Hagashash's Hebrew-language show will provide an excellent opportunity for all Hebrew-students born here to test their knowledge of the language. For ticket information, call 491-8877, 781-0071 or 630-8281.

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Ten semi-finalists have been selected from a field of 27 entrants from six provinces to compete in Canada's first national guitar competition, Guitar Canada.

The public is welcome to attend the semi-finals of the Guitar Society of Toronto-sponsored competition on April 26 at the Royal Conservatory and the finals April 27 at Premiere Dance Theatre. For further information, call 487-0536.

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Zubin Mehta's decision to conduct the Israel Philharmonic at Auschwitz during a tour of Poland in April has provoked understandably strong negative reaction from Holocaust survivor's associations.

The decision to perform at Auschwitz, despite Mehta's protestations that it will represent a "testimony to Jewish survival" is, to put it mildly, ill-advised. One need not explain the obvious implications such a performance would represent.

Suffice to say that as long as there are living Holocaust survivors, their wishes in matters of this sort must receive priority.

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One of Israel's leading songstresses of the 1970s, Ruth Navon, has now become Orthodox, and now performs to women-only audiences.

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This column sadly notes the passing of Royal Conservatory piano and voice teacher Weldon Kilburn, whose students included Ben Steinberg, Lois Marshall and Samuel Dolin. Donations may be directed to the Royal Conservatory's Principal's Office for a scholarship fund in his honor.

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Yuval Fichman is a pianist steeped in the grand epic panoramic tradition of familiar recent greats such as Rubinstein.

The Israel-born Toronto-resident winner of the Young Concert Auditions Grand Prize exhibited confidence as well as sensitivity in a recent performance of Schumann's Quintet in E-flat major with the Colorado String Quartet at Jane Mallet Theatre. Triumphant glory characterized this polished rendition.

The all-women Colorado String Quartet, consisting of violinists Julie Rosenfeld and Deborah Redding, violist Francesca Martin and cellist Sharon Prater, following an over-muscular interpretation of Mozart's Quartet in A Major, performed Walter Piston's mid-20th century modernistic First Quartet in what was the musical highlight of the evening.

Driving power interfused with airy but excitable grace created a feeling of frenetic yet mature exhilaration during the fast movements. Provocative reflection and thoughtful repose characterized the middle slow Adagio.

Bears captivate kids from 3 to 8

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Children anywhere from 3 to 8 will be captivated by *Care Bears Movie II: A New Generation*.

Care Bears, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, is a child's morality tale brimming over with lessons on life.

Written by Peter Sauder, and directed by Dale Schott, it highlights the dilemmas a little person can face in the course of growing up.

Some of the questions the film asks, and answers pretty neatly, are: Must success be achieved at the expense of friendship? Can good overcome evil? Should you express your feelings openly?

Care Bears, a wholesome film if ever there was one, takes a definite point of view and pursues it doggedly to the end.

Nice guys triumph

You know, of course, that the nice guys will triumph over the nasty ones.

Life's a bit more complicated than Sauder and Schott would have us believe. But they can be forgiven for their apparent simple-mindedness. The average child, unless he or she is incredibly precocious, has little use for subtle shades of gray or for dissimulation. The whole truth — and nothing but the truth — is what they want.

Care Bears, an animated film distinguished by a lively musical score, takes place in the mythical Kingdom of the Caring and planet Earth.

The Care Bear Family and their Care Cousins, composed of wise and delightful animals with whom children can readily identify, are pitted against Dark Heart, a malevolent force bent on subverting all that is good in the world.

Dark Heart tries to achieve his dastardly goal by compromising the kids at a summer camp. He focuses his attention on Christy, an unhappy camper who wants to be Camp Champ in sports.

Dark Heart, a boy-animal with beady red eyes, zeroes in on Christy's weakness by promising her athletic excellence if she grants him a favor one day. She lives to regret her association with Dark Heart, whose purpose is to destroy the Kingdom of the Caring.

Needless to say, Dark Heart fails. Christy and her friends, John and Dawn, derail his plot with the help of Care Bear Family regulars like True Heart Bear and Noble Heart Horse.

And, wonder of wonders, they even manage to rehabilitate Dark Heart, who is not beyond saving.

In addition to its artfully conceived script, Care Bears is notable for Charles Bonifacio's animation and for Carol and Dean Parks' six original songs, which they perform beautifully.

Care Bears, given its monochromatic point of view, is not without its flaws. But, on balance, it's a fine film which children and maybe even adults with a well-honed sense of fantasy will enjoy.

Israeli comedy team Hagashash.

Judaica guide considers a wide variety of objects

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

A Collector's Guide to Judaica, by Jay Weinstein. Thames and Hudson, $40.

Recent years have witnessed a remarkable surge of interest in Jewish works of art. Popular exhibitions such as The Precious Legacy and periodic art auctions in New York and London have brought to public attention a wide range of ceremonial and ritual art objects. These include skilfully crafted cups, lamps and spice boxes for the Sabbath, Chanukah menorahs, Torah ornaments, plates for Passover and Purim — as well as a variety of works in textiles, ceramics, and glass.

Judaica is a term broad enough to encompass illuminated manuscripts and rare books, paintings and prints, jewelry, amulets, community marriage rings, medals and circumcision instruments.

The unprecedented prices that many of these objects have fetched at auctions has led to a sedulous search by collectors of all possible sources and to an active market for buyers and sellers.

This handsome and valuable source book, the first of its kind, contains 352 illustrations (32 full pages in color) and deals with objects in 16 categories from ethrog boxes and marriage ketubahs, to mezuzot, teffilin and watches. The modern arts are not overlooked.

The author, head of Sotheby's Judaica department in New York, and an acknowledged expert in the field, presents guidelines for judging the quality of the design and workmanship of an object, the approximate value of the materials illustrated and when and how to obtain professional advice.

A singular aspect of Jewish art is the blending of styles that resulted from enforced migration and wide spread geographic distribution. "From India to northern Russia and from Morocco to China, Jews have absorbed influences from everywhere in large or small measure." The collector of Judaica must learn to recognize as many as possible of these diverse influences and be familiar with the work of dispersed Jewish communities over the centuries.

Despite the concern of many collectors and museum directors, more Judaica is available at all levels of quality, than is usually assumed. Even after the Holocaust, a considerable body of material survives and gradually appears on the market to the delight of museums and collectors and individuals "who have no intention of building up a collection, but who simply wish to own a few pieces of Judaica for their personal use or to present as gifts."

A concluding chapter warns of the hazards of fakes and forgeries. As the material increases in price the greater is the likelihood of deception. The buyer must beware of the knowledgeable forger. To be avoided, especially, are articles supposedly made by clandestine Jews concealing their faith during the Spanish inquisition. Do not believe a dealer "who tells you that articles date from the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492, because they were probably made shortly before your visit to the antique shop."

A glossary of Hebrew and Yiddish words employed in the text, a list of museums around the world with Judaica collectors, a select bibliography and helpful index add meaning and value to an outstanding volume.

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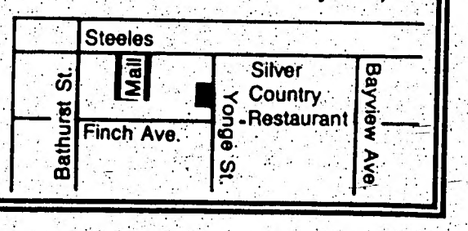

Travel

Museums and mansions

Out-of-the-way Ontario tourist attractions intrigue

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

One of the out-of-the-way Ontario tourist attractions is the Robert Philip Museum of Time at Cookstown, just a mile north of Barrie off Highway 89 on Innisfil Sideroad 5. Here you will find a fine collection of antique clocks and watches showing the development of time pieces.

There are exquisitely ornamental clocks from France, hundred-year-old carriage clocks from England designed to keep time when travelers carried them over bumpy roads, and American watches that sold for a dollar in the last century, opening up the first mass market.

There is also a selection of clockmakers' tools used over a period spanning three centuries.

The museum is open daily all year.

The newest museum in Hamilton is the Museum of Steam and Technology at 900 Woodward Ave. It is a Victorian-era water pumping station dating from 1859. Pumps are powered by two giant steam engines.

Although it was taken out of service many years ago, the old steam engines and pumps, superb examples of early Canadian engineering, have been restored into working order. It is open daily except Saturdays.

Another out-of-the-way Hamilton place to visit is Whitehern House, a handsome Georgian residence containing many fine pieces of Canadian period furniture. Included are items from the 1700s which were already treasured antiques when first purchased more than a century ago. Whitehern is open daily and is located at Jackson and McNab.

Better known is Dundurn Castle on York Boulevard, open afternoons all year, except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. This is one of the finest examples of architectural restoration in Canada.

It is not really a castle but a mansion, the status symbol of Sir Alan Napier McNab who made his fortune from railroads in the 1850s. He spent so much time and money building and furnishing the house that he died impoverished and the house fell into disrepair. Now it has been carefully restored to its original opulence.

For sports buffs there is the Canadian Football Hall of Fame and Museum at 58 Jackson St. W., Hamilton. Open daily all year, except Sundays from December to May, it is a national shrine to Canadian football, tracing the history of the game over the last 115 years.

The newest science museum in Canada is at Sudbury, where Science North is an open laboratory with exhibits ranging from geology to rare animals you can touch.

Shown too is the way meteorologists prepare weather forecasts.

In a cavern hewn out of the solid rock for which Sudbury is famous as a mining town, you are shown a 3D nature film which captures the sights and sounds of northern Ontario. When a bird appears to fly off screen directly into the audience, the effect is startling. Science North is located on Ramsey Lake Rd. and Paris St., is open daily all year.

The parlor in the Bell Homestead at Brantford, Ont., with furniture which belonged to Alexander Graham Bell's parents and family. Most furniture and fixtures are from the 1870 to 1881 period.

In Brantford you should try to visit the Bell Homestead, where Alexander Graham Bell used to live at 94 Tutela Heights Rd. It is open daily, except Mondays and some holidays.

Bell once said: "Of this you can be sure — the telephone was invented in Canada." That was while he was visiting his parents' home in Brantford. The Bell Homestead has interesting displays relating both to the Bell family and to the development of the telephone, with photographs of those early days and some of the first telephone and telephone exchange equipment.

At the Brant County Museum on 57 Charlotte St. there is a good collection of Six Nations Indian material, life histories of Chief Joseph Brant and poetess Pauline Johnson, as well as early pioneer life in Brant County. It is open daily most of the year, closed Mondays and holidays.

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Travel

Including celebrations for Hans Christian Andersen

Many events slated for spring and summer in Europe

By JAMES MONTAGNES

One hundred and fifty years ago Hans Christian Andersen published his first volume of fairy tales in Copenhagen. Throughout Denmark there will be special celebrations this summer to mark the historic occasion.

In Copenhagen there will be special exhibits and performances, while in his birthplace of Odense you will be able to visit his home, see plays and tour the area where he found so many folk tales he put on paper.

There will be a contest for 14-year-old Canadian and United States children to write short essays about their favorite Andersen fairy tale, with two winners to be chosen for a trip to Denmark in August.

The second week of July 200 choirs from almost 30 countries, including Canada, will compete in the International Musical Eisteddfod at Llangollen, Wales. Singers from all over the world will wander about this small hilly town in northern Wales in their native costumes. This musical contest is worth a visit to Wales as this travel reporter learned not long ago.

These are just two of many festivals and special events to take place this spring and summer across the Atlantic. Here is a sampling of the happenings:

Great Britain and Ireland: The third week of May the Chelsea Flower Show will be held at the Royal Chelsea Hospital, London — the country's major flower show. There will be motorcycle races the first week of June at Douglas on the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea. On June 15 the Queen's Official Birthday will be marked with Trooping of the Colors at the Horse Guards Parade in central London, when Queen Elizabeth, seated sidesaddle on her horse, will review ceremonial troops.

Music, dance and theatrical festivals abound in Great Britain in summer, including the Pitlochry Festival in Scotland from May to October, the Aldeburgh Festival in Suffolk the middle two weeks of June and the Edinburgh International Festival in Scotland for three weeks in August.

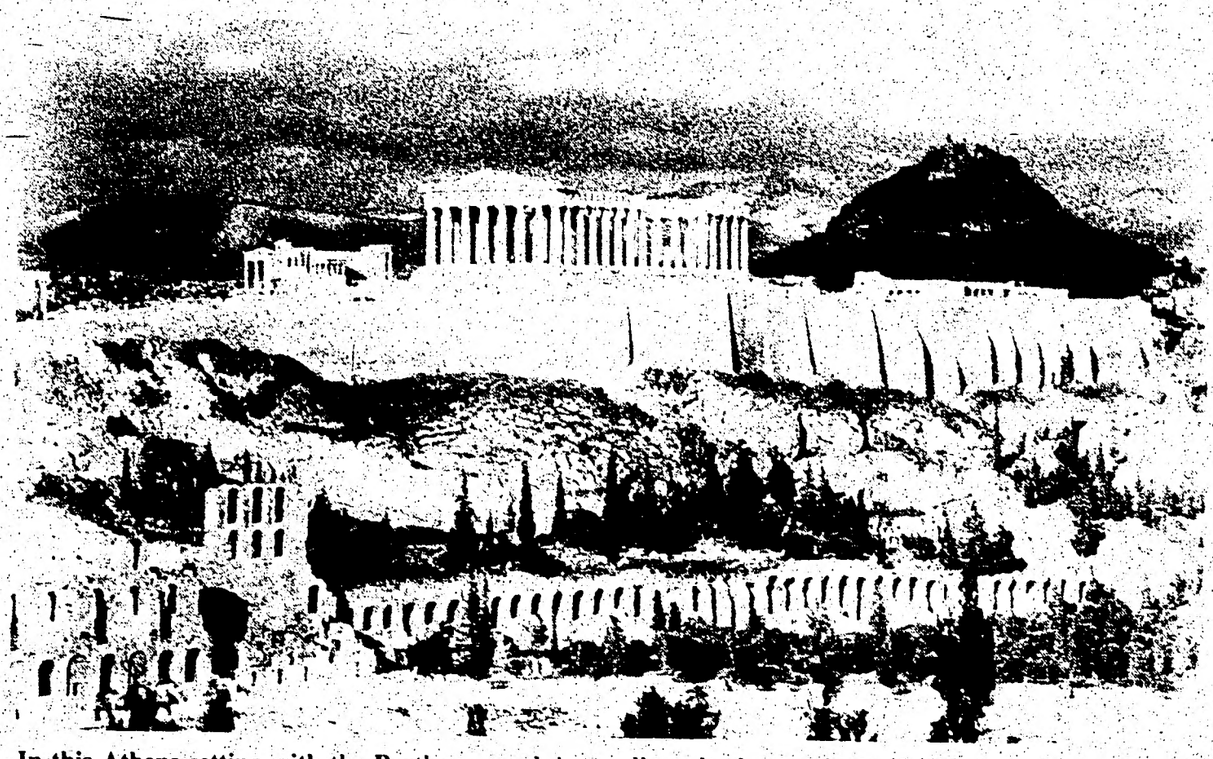
The most important sporting and social event in Ireland is the August Dublin Horse Show. The Royal Family attends the Royal Ascot, major horse-racing event in mid-June. The Jersey Battle of Flowers, held annually since 1902 the first Thursday in August, is a parade of flower-decorated floats on Jersey in the Channel Islands.

Holland: One of Europe's biggest flower shows is at Keukenhof near Amsterdam, from mid-April to mid-May, when acres and acres of spring flowers are on display outdoors and in vast greenhouses. All of June the Holland Festival is at Amsterdam, The Hague and Rotterdam with music, theatre and dance.

Scandinavia: The last week of May and the first week of June at Bergen, Norway, the Bergen International Festival of music, mime and dance will be held, followed by an International Jazz Festival at Molde, Norway, the third week of June. The Helsinki Festival in Finland's capital city the last week of August and the first week of September features big orchestras, theatre and film.

You can enjoy Lapland culture and reindeer roundups at Samehelg, Sweden, in mid-August.

Czechoslovakia: On May 12 the Prague Spring Festival starts for three weeks with Smetana's music and that of other Czech composers.



In this Athens setting with the Parthenon and Acropolis as background, the Greek Summer Festival is held each year, with performances of ancient Greek dramas in open air setting.

France: The famous Le Mans auto races are slated near Paris in mid-June, and there will be a jazz festival at Nice on the Mediterranean shore in mid-July.

Austria: Operas performed by almost life-size puppets are held at Salzburg from mid-April to late summer at the Marionette Theatre. For five weeks in July and August the Salzburg Festival features the music and operas of Amadeus Mozart in the city of his birth.

Italy: A horse race with armored riders and armored horses as in medieval times is in the oval of the ancient city of Sienna on July 2 and Aug. 16. Throughout July and August you can attend operas performed in the ancient Baths of Caracalla in Rome.

Switzerland: Lausanne has an International Music Festival in May and June. There is a Yodelling Festival at Berne in mid-June. The 600th anniversary of the founding of the city of Lucerne will be celebrated all year.

Belgium: The Festival of Flanders runs all summer and fall in various cities such as Brussels, Bruges and Ghent — mainly music and theatre.

Greece: If you want to get an idea of how the ancient Greeks were entertained, attend one of the Greek festivals as at Epidaurus where Greek tragedies are performed all summer in open air ancient stone amphitheatres or at the Acropolis in Athens. The only modern touches are foam rubber cushions to sit on, as I found out.

Three special tours mark synagogue's 100th birthday

TORONTO —

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Beth Tzedec Synagogue, three special tours to Jerusalem and France are being planned for this spring in conjunction with Beth Tzedec and Conference Travel of Canada.

A 3-week tour of Jerusalem and France from May 4 to 28 will be conducted by Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg of the Beth Tzedec and his wife, Lola.

The tour, which will include accommodations and most meals, will highlight religious sites in Jerusalem for the first eight days and then move to France, where participants will visit Paris, Lyons, Nimes and Cannes. Sites of Jewish signifiance will be emphasized.

A 2-week tour of France only, from May 13 to 28, will be conducted by CJN contributor Prof. Arnold Ages and his wife, Shoshanna. The tour will comprise seven nights in Paris, two in Lyon and five on the Riviera. Small towns in between will be included and many of the Jewish sites will be visited.

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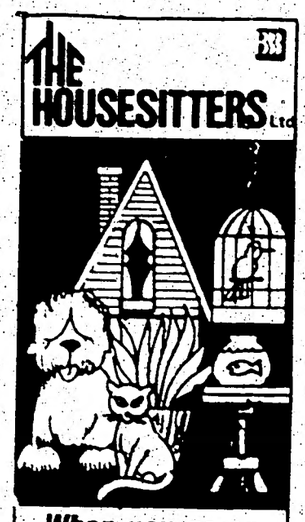

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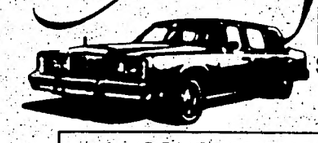

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By DAVID PIERSON

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In the forefront at this year's exhibition was a wide range of sophisticated business equipment that is compact and affordable.

Technology, that was previously prohibitive to many offices because of cost, was available from many suppliers at affordable prices.

A 3-day conference held in conjunction with the national office exhibition kicked off its opening session with the topic — Office equipment — are Canadian products the best buy? David Burrows of Ontario's Ministry of Industry and Trade tackled the topic of whether Canadians should feel morally obligated to purchase office equipment manufactured in our own country.

Other major areas of office automation explored were: getting more for your telecommunications dollar; systems the heartbeat of your organization — how healthy are they?; user frustrations and satisfaction; managing change — the never ending challenge and trends in office automation.

And what would an exhibition be without contests? This year's exhibition featured the 2nd annual National Typing Olympiad, a contest held to discover the fastest typist in Canada, with the winner receiving an Olympic electronic typewriter and a trip for two to Jamaica.

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WEEK OF MARCH 24th
Note: Thursday and Friday collections will be **ONE DAY EARLIER**
MONDAY 24th - regular collection
TUESDAY 25th - regular collection
THURSDAY 27th - collection will be on **WEDNESDAY, March 26th**
FRIDAY 28th - collection will be on **THURSDAY, MARCH 27th**

WEEK OF MARCH 31st
Note: Monday and Tuesday collections will be **ONE DAY LATER**
MONDAY 31st - collection will be on **TUESDAY, April 1st**
TUESDAY 1st - collection will be on **WEDNESDAY, April 2nd**
THURSDAY 3rd - regular collection
FRIDAY 4th - regular collection

There will be NO collection of newspapers and bulky articles on Wednesday, March 26 and Wednesday, April 2. Regular collection of newspapers and bulky articles will be made on Wednesday, April 9.

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Taran, Molly on 3/7/86, late of Lincoln Place Nursing, Toronto.

Sherman, Philip on 3/8/86, late of 18 Romfield Circuit, Thornhill.

Ladner, Henry on 3/7/86, late of 35 Canyon Ave., #1207, Downsview.

Newman, Esther on 3/8/86, late of 464 Lawrence Ave., #1, Toronto.

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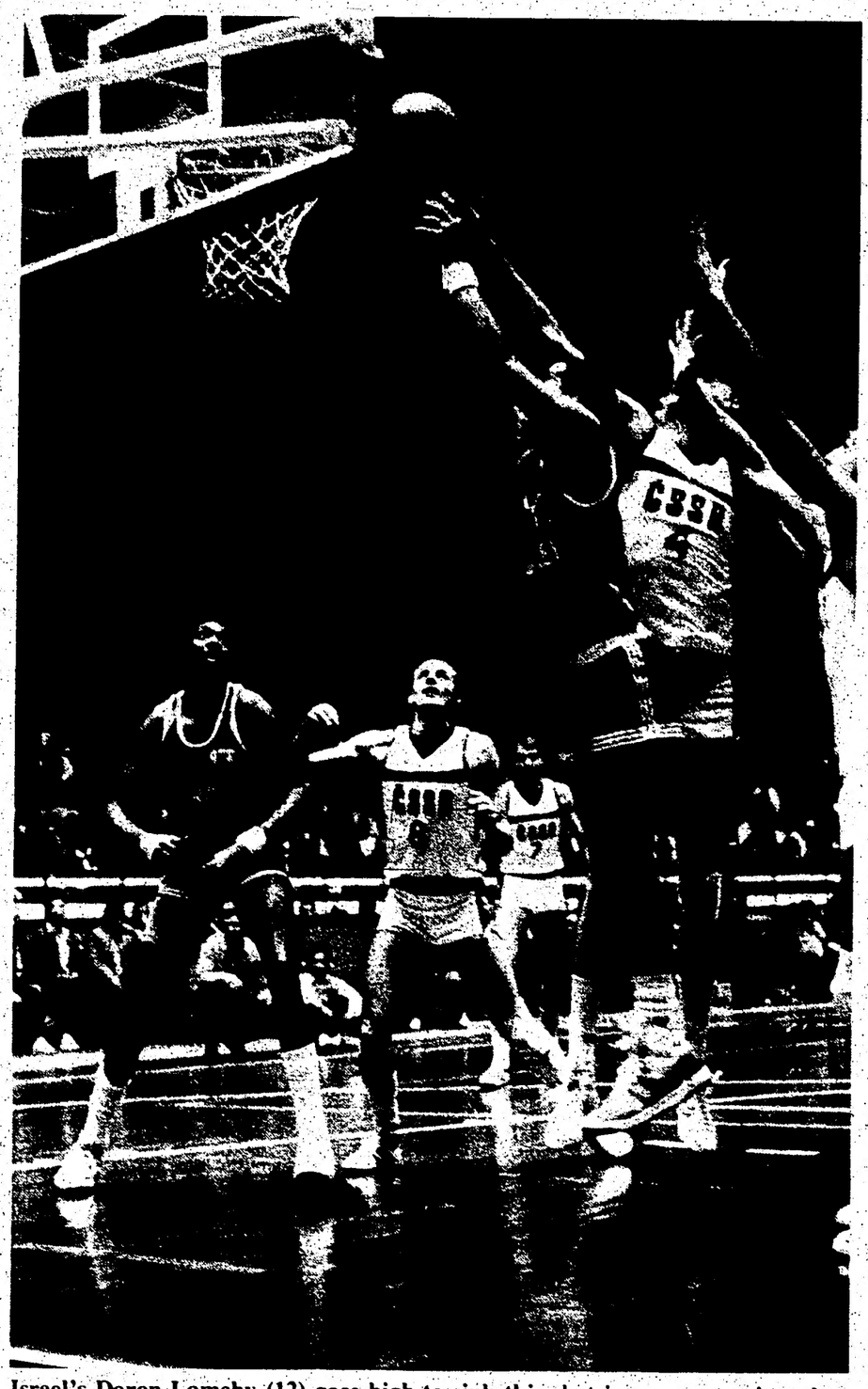
Basketball matches planned between Canada and Israel

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Maccabi Canada and Basketball Canada recently announced they are co-sponsoring a series of exhibition basketball matches between the national teams of Canada and Israel.

The series could form the basis for regular annual matchups in the future, say officials for both groups, adding there are already plans afoot for a return series next year in Israel.

The 4-game series is scheduled for mid June, and will serve as a tune-up for both squads as they prepare for the World Championships, which will be held in Spain from July 5-20.



Israel's Doron Lamchy (12) goes high to sink this shot in a game against the Czech nationals, as Lavon Bird (13) looks on.

High calibre games

As far as the the exhibition competition is concerned, Israel's national squad will be led by world-class hoopster Mickey Bercovitch — known as "Mr. Basketball" in Israel.

The Canucks will feature prominent basketball names such as Jay Triano, Eli Pasquale, Tony Simms and Gerald Kazanowski, all of whom have merited try-outs with a number of National Basketball Association teams.

The series kicks off on June 15 at the campus of Waterloo University, moves to McMaster University in Hamilton on the 16th, to Western on the 17th and finally to Varsity Arena in Toronto on the 18th.

The games promise to be an exhibition of basketball at its best, says Allen Rae, executive director of Basketball Canada, the organization charged with preparing Canada's 1988 Olympic squad.

Sitting in the business offices of Maccabi ~~Ontario~~ chairman Sid Greenberg, Rae said the matches will "show Canadians the (high) calibre of basketball played in the rest of the world."

Noting that Canada is ranked 6th in the world, and Israel about 10th, Rae says that at that calibre, any team could beat another on a given day. Rae says playing the Israelis, who recently qualified for the world tourney by eliminating Greece, Czechoslovakia and England, will give the Canadian squad a good workout in preparation for the championship tourney.

For Greenberg, the prospect of seeing Bercovitch, who was voted to the starting all-star team at a European competition recently, is an exciting prospect.

But more than that, the exhibition and next year's reciprocal visit by the Canadian team will give them an opportunity to see Israel and give them "a good feeling of what the country is about," says Greenberg.

That could lead to the creation of goodwill ambassadors for Israel in the future, he says.

"Sport still seems to be the best way to break down the barriers" between people, added Rae.

When they're not playing the Canucks, the Israeli hoopsters will work out at both the Bloor and Northern branches of the Jewish Community Centre before the games, says Greenberg. The players will also be introduced to the community at a reception and a lunch, though the exact dates, times and locations are still not final.

Following the exhibition series, the Israeli squad will return to Israel, while the Canadians will play in small tournaments in France and Italy.

At the 24-country world tournament itself, Israel has been placed in a pool with the Soviet Union, Australia, Uruguay, Cuba and Angola, while Canada is matched with Yugoslavia, Argentina, the Netherlands, the Philippines and New Zealand. Three teams from each pool move on to the quarter finals.

Even though they share a grouping with the world champion Soviets, that placement shouldn't daunt the Israelis, since as recently as January they split two games with the Soviet national team at a competition in Belgium.

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The 21st Plenary Assembly of the Canadian Jewish Congress will be held at L'Hotel and the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, from Wednesday, May 7 to Sunday, May 11, 1986. The Chairman is Julia Koschitzky.

The program agenda reflects the overall theme of the Plenary — "Canadian Jewry — New Directions". Stephen Lewis, Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations, will deliver the opening address on May 7th at 8:00 p.m.

Program highlights include a rally for Soviet Jewry, a luncheon with Premier David Peterson and elections of national officers.

Ontario Regional Chairman, Les Scheininger, has asked every regional and local organization to choose one delegate plus one additional delegate for every two hundred and fifty members, with a maximum of four delegates per organization.

As a lasting treasure, each delegate will receive a first-time publication of a commemorative volume — PATHWAYS TO THE PRESENT. Scholars and historians from all regions of Congress have been asked to submit articles and significant photographs chronicling the establishment of Jewish communities across Canada and the role of Congress in their development.

For more information, please call Plenary office 635-2883, ext. 171.

REMEMBER WHEN...

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WE REACH OUT

The Outreach Committee has been organized to create opportunities for women not yet associated within our Jewish community to become involved. Co-chairmen Barbara Orfus and Rochelle Silver report that their committee will initially focus on women between the ages of 25 and 40 who live in the downtown core.

The projected date for the first program is May 21st. Please let us know of any women living south of St. Clair Avenue who would be interested.

For information about the program or to work on the committee, please contact Jewish Women's Federation, Joy Friedman, 635-2882, Ext. 130.

RECOGNITION

The Jewish Women's Federation Recognition Committee, headed by Gella Rothstein, will be highlighting the innovative projects and programs of our constituent organizations in future issues of "In Touch".

LEARN! LEARN! LEARN!

Jewish Women's Federation is offering a Leadership Skills Seminar this spring. Included on the program are topics such as confidence building, time and stress management and communications skills. Each of our organizations has been asked to recommend two candidates for this series. General Community Development Chairmen, Lorraine Sandler, Joan Stevens and their committee are confident that participants will utilize these new skills in roles of responsibility within their own organizations.

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March

26 Lubavitch Women's League **"The Essence of the Successful Jewish Marriage"** Brunya Schafer, and Entertainment Lubavitch Community Centre 8:00 p.m. 731-7000.

Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary Health Education Lecture **"Changes and Challenges — Well-Health into the 21th Century"** Dr. Trevor Hancock, Health Futurist, Beth Tzedec Synagogue 1:15 p.m. 586-8290.

29 Emunah Women **Fashion Show.** 223-8817.

April

2 Jewish Women's Federation — Social & Political Action Committee Presents **"Women's Issues: A Jewish Woman's Perspective"**: Guest Speaker: Dr. Elaine Todres, Lipa Green Bldg., 4th floor, Registration: 7:00 p.m. 635-2883 Ext. 116 $5.00.

3 National Council of Jewish Women **Community Service Awards** Awardee—N. Jane Pepino, Q.C. Reservations Required 8:00 p.m. 223-2457.

5 Alpha Omega Women **"Go Las Vegas"** Dinner, Dancing, Monte Carlo Night 782-7277.

9 Beth Avraham Yaakov Sisterhood, Topic **"Battered Wives"** Speaker—Rayna Nobler, JFCS 8:00 p.m. 886-3810.

Women's League for Conservative Judaism **"World Affairs Day"** Beth Emeth Synagogue 633-1796.

14 Hadassah WIZO **Public Affairs Program,** Guest: Samuel Levin of South Africa, Beth Tzedec Synagogue 8:00 p.m. 781-1898

16 Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary Ball **"Gala Evening on the Orient Express"** Inn on the Park, 6:30 p.m. 586-8290

State of Israel Bonds — Women's Division **Opening Luncheon** Speaker Leah Rabin 789-3351.

18 Bialik— Borochov— Jewish Folk Shule **Anniversary Reunion** continued on Saturday and Sunday 783-3346.

24 April 24— May 1 **Passover.**

27 Adath Israel Sisterhood **Heritage Walk** — Jewish Historical Sites — with Steven Speisman 635-0112.

May

4 Toronto Women's ORT **"Chocolate Sunday"** Metro Convention Centre 12:00—9:00 p.m. 787-0297.

Adath Israel Sisterhood **Rabbi Amy Eilberg,** First Conservative Female Rabbi 8:00 p.m. 635-0112

5 Hadassah WIZO-**Youth Aliyah Luncheon and Fashion Show** by Ira Berg, Four Seasons Hotel 481-1908.

6 **Yom Hashoah Holocaust Memorial Day.**

7 Canadian Jewish Congress **Plenary** 5-Day Event. L'Hotel and Conference Centre 635-2883.

8 Beth Sholom Sisterhood **Mothers' Day Dinner** 7:00 p.m. 783-6103.

12 Women's League For Conservative Judaism **"Profile and Potential"** — The Contemporary Jewish Woman" Adath Israel Synagogue 4:30 — 10:00 p.m. Continued on May 13— 8:30 a.m.— 3:00 p.m. 635-0112.

14 **Yom Ha'atzmaut Israel's Independence Day.**
Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care Women's Auxiliary **Annual Meeting** — 789-7071.

Emunah Women of Toronto, Dinner Honouring **"Our Mothers in Israel"** Torah Emeth Jewish Centre 6:30 p.m. 635-9847.

20 Toronto Jewish Congress— **Annual Meeting,** Shaarei Shomayim, Synagogue 635-2883.

21 Holy Blossom Sisterhood **"Gala Auction"** 787-2358.

25 B'nai Brith Women's **Bazaar** — 10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m. St. Mike's Arena, Bathurst and St. Clair.

27 **Lag Ba'omer.**

28 Beth Avraham Yaakov Sisterhood **Gourmet Night** 8:00 p.m. 886-3810.

June

2 Hadassah WIZO **Closing Meeting** Speaker: Selma Sage, Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 12:15 p.m. 481-1908.

4 State of Israel Bonds-Women's Division **Dinner Honouring Outstanding Women,** Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 6:30 p.m. 789-3351.

9 Netivot Hatorah Day School **Raffle Draw & Dinner** Beth Jacob Synagogue 117 Overbrook 7:30 p.m. 636-4050.

13 - June 14 **Shavuot.**

25 Beth Avraham Yaakov Sisterhood **Closing Meeting** 8:00 p.m. 886-3810.

Beth Sholom Sisterhood **Torah Fund Luncheon** — 12:00 783-6103.

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JEWISH WOMEN'S FEDERATION — TORONTO JEWISH CONGRESS

Message from the Chairman

Shalom,

It is with a great deal of pride that I write this message to you, the Jewish women of Toronto, as we launch our first issue of "In Touch", the Jewish Women's Federation Newsletter.

The unique format of Jewish Women's Federation was created in May 1985. It developed after many months of ongoing discussion between executive members of the former Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations and the United Jewish Appeal Women's Division. Our new Federation is designed to broaden the base of activity and involvement of a larger constituency of Jewish women and to prevent duplication of programming. We hope to be a vehicle through which women can come together toward the goals of perpetuating and enriching Jewish and general communal life. An integral part of Toronto Jewish Congress, we provide a closer link with the central communal body to our affiliates.

As an umbrella organization of 49 women's groups over 20,000 women strong, we represent a wide spectrum of the community. Our goals include:

- Outreach to newcomers and the uninvolved;
- Development of leadership programs for our organizations and the community;
- The pursuit of issues of concern to women by addressing and acting upon them collectively;
- A commitment to support and promote the United Jewish Appeal and United Way Campaigns;
- Active involvement in community service projects.

My personal dream is to see the bonding of Toronto Jewish women in order to effect positive change. Even though we may represent different ideologies, we can and must present a united front on matters of intense concern to us all. By opening the doors to allow more women to assume positions of responsibility at the top levels of decision-making and planning, we can enhance the growth of our constituent organizations, our community, and ourselves.

I look forward to your involvement.

Judy Gwartz

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EDITORIAL

Let's keep "In Touch". The purpose of our newsletter is to keep you in touch with the activities and concerns of Jewish women in Toronto. As the communications arm of the Jewish Women's Federation, our goal is not only to inform but to educate.

In this, our first issue, we introduce Judy Gwartz, Chairman of the JWF. Judy, a former leader of U.J.A. Women's Division and Chairman of Jewish Information Service, has been an integral and responsible member of many planning boards and committees. She brings a wealth of knowledge, commitment and experience within our community to her new position.

Some of the programs which have already been established under the aegis of the new Federation are being presented in the newsletter. In future issues, we will profile our member associations and some of the very special women who contribute so much to Jewish life in our city. You will also find articles dealing with a variety of significant and pertinent topics.

A regular newsletter feature will be a calendar of events which you can keep for future reference. This offers our membership a means to publicize its upcoming community events. Unfortunately, our space is limited. We are, therefore, unable to accept more than one submission per month from each organization. Only programs open to the general public will be included.

Another section will be for letters to the editor. We need your views and ideas so that the Jewish Women's Federation can function knowledgeably and efficiently on your behalf.

Through keeping "In Touch", sharing our concerns, and acting on our convictions together, we strengthen our bonds within the Jewish Women's Federation.

Harriett Bomza
Chairman

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March, 1986

Mrs. Judy Gwartz,
Chairman, Jewish Women's Federation

Dear Judy,

As the sponsoring body of Jewish Women's Federation, Toronto Jewish Congress warmly welcomes this inaugural issue of "In Touch". Not only does it symbolize a new era of heightened communication with, and sensitivity to, Jewish women in Toronto, but it underscores the dramatic changes affecting women currently taking place within the Toronto Jewish community. Talented and trained women are filling positions of professional and volunteer leadership, with more influence and more authority than ever before — for the common purpose of service to Jews in need in Toronto, in Israel, and around the world.

This adds new dimension to the meaning of "B'Yachad" — Together. As Jewish Women's Federation continues to develop, it heightens the commitment of Jewish women to accomplish the mission of Toronto Jewish Congress — ensuring a flourishing and vital Jewish community.

Sincerely,

Ronald Appleby,
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Jewish Women's Federation Officers: Standing: Adrienne Offman, Founding Officer; Joan Stevens, Second Vice-Chairman — Women's Campaign Division — UJA; Judy Scheininger, First Vice-Chairman — Women's Campaign Division — UJA; Joan Kerbel, Co-Chairman, Nominating Committee; Judy Noyek, Vice-Chairman, Public Relations; Etty Danzig, Vice-Chairman, Outreach & Community Services; Penny Offman, Vice-Chairman, Leadership Development; Julia Koschitzky, Co-Chairman, Nominating Committee; Seated: Anne Handelman, Outgoing Chairman — Women's Campaign Division — UJA; Judy Gwartz, Chairman, Jewish Women's Federation; Sheila Engel, Chairman — Women's Campaign Division — UJA.

WOMEN MAKE IT HAPPEN!

For the first time, the organized Toronto Jewish women's community is addressing social, political and economic issues which affect us. Now we have a way to become involved and make our voices heard.

A Social and Political Action Committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Francie Storm. Members represent many facets of the Jewish community and appreciate challenges women face. The committee is studying ways of giving Jewish women the opportunity to make significant social changes.

A knowledgeable constituency is our most effective tool. To this end, the Social and Political Action Committee is sponsoring an exciting, inaugural program — Women's Issues — A Jewish Woman's Perspective — on Wednesday, April 2, 1986, at the Lipa Green Building. Registration — 7:00 p.m.; Program — 7:30 p.m. sharp to 10:00 p.m.

Our dynamic keynote speaker will be Dr. Elaine Todres, Director of Policy and Research of the Ontario Women's Directorate. Dr. Todres has been responsible for the development of programs in these areas and has demonstrated great sensitivity and awareness regarding women's concerns. A committed volunteer, she is the Immediate — Past — Chairman of Business and Professional Women's Network, United Jewish Appeal. She has captivated all of us who have had the opportunity to hear her speak.

There has been an enthusiastic response to the April 2nd program. We recommend that you pre-register immediately. Call Jewish Women's Federation — Pamela Melman — 635-2883, ext. 116. The cost of the evening is $5.00.

JOIN US AND HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Dr. Elaine Todres

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Enrolment is limited. Registration — $5.00

R.S.V.P. *Further Information* — 635-2883 Ext. 116

JEWISH WOMEN'S FEDERATION SUPPORTS NEW LEGISLATION

In November of 1985, an amendment to the Family Law Reform Act regarding Jewish divorce (or Get) was submitted to the Justice Committee of the Ontario Legislature.

The Jewish Women's Federation Chairman, Judy Gwartz, together with representatives of B'nai Brith Canada, the Orthodox Council of Rabbis, the Women's Perspective Advisory Group, the Jewish Family and Child Service, and other community groups, spoke out in support of this important legislation.

The amendment prevents a spouse from withholding his/her consent to a religious divorce by means of coercion or extortion of rights. The proposal is for both spouses to sign an affidavit at the time of civil divorce to indicate that he/she has taken steps to remove all barriers to the spouse's remarriage.

This first attempt by our organization to have an impact on government through a unified approach was most effective. Our submission was favourably received and approved first by the Justice Committee and subsequently by the Ontario Legislature.

A similar submission will be presented to the Federal Government in order to amend the new Divorce Act.

Sheila Engel, Chairman, — Women's Campaign Division — UJA.

CAMPAIGN DIVISION OF JEWISH WOMEN'S FEDERATION

It is a little over 35 years since the Women's Division of United Jewish Appeal was first conceived. The primary purpose in forming a separate division was to encourage women to contribute individually to Israel and local needs. These "plus dollars" have grown far beyond our greatest expectations. Just 15 years ago, our division raised $200,000. In 1986, we reached the $2.4 million milestone.

How has the Women's Division grown from a fledgling organization to the flourishing success that it is today? Volunteers! Our Board of Directors has grown to over 200 women, all setting the pace in their devotion and service to the Jewish people.

Category chairmen who run their own "mini campaigns", an education committee that trains volunteers, and leadership development are all important elements of our success. A special projects committee plans new and exciting functions which raise money and instill pride and good will within the community. A new gifts division has been created that will only be satisfied when every Jewish woman in this city is counted amongst our ranks. In addition, we have a corps of more than 600 knowledgeable and effective canvassers!

The leaders of the 1986-87 campaign are Chairman Sheila Engel, First Vice-Chairman Judy Scheininger and Second Vice-Chairman Joan Stevens. Together with their co-workers, they will continue to maintain an outstanding level of achievement.

As the campaign division of JWF, we are part of a larger network of active, committed women. We have joined together for one singular purpose — to better the lives of our fellow Jews everywhere.

Jan. 13, 1986 — President's Council and Jewish Women's Federation Board members

Back Row:
Phyllis Sugar, Naomi Weinberg, Penny Offman, Gloria Roden, Joan Stevens, Judy Noyek, Lynn Rae, Bea Rosenfield, Annette Bearg, Diana Goodman, Judy Silver, Sharon Jesin, Nita Goldband, Shirley Switzman, Sheila Simmons.

Middle Row:
Pat Alpert, Janice Langer, Anne Handelman, Bea Sidlofsky, Myrtle Coopersmith, Mihal Tylman, Carole Zucker, Sheila Engel, Marilyn Cohen, Heather Biderman, Lynda Weinrib, Marsha Cohen, Anne Houpt.

Seated:
Lorraine Sandler, Adrienne Offman, Joan Kerbel, Judy Gwartz, Ruth Bass, Roz Witkin.

MEET OUR PRESIDENTS

Joan Kerbel, Chairman of the Presidents' Council, was recently interviewed about the Council.

What is the Presidents' Council?
The Presidents' Council is a special part of the Jewish Women's Federation, composed of the presidents of our 49 affiliate organizations. The Council sits regularly to provide its members with the opportunity to meet and interact with one another.

How does it work?
It acts as a forum for the discussion of important community issues and for the exchange of ideas. It facilitates sharing of information about the community and is a resource to assist the presidents with their organizational duties. Members can become involved with planning programs tailored to their specific needs. These are designed to give the presidents an understanding of organizational skills.

What are its goals?
Volunteers are vital to the well-being of the Jewish community. Despite the demands and pressures on today's Jewish women, they still undertake responsibility and give service to the community. Our goals are to strengthen relationships, promote unity, enhance communication and encourage the continuity and access of women's leadership amongst our affiliates.

FREEDOM FOR SHCHARANSKY

The following telex was sent:
To Mikail Gorbachov,
From: Jewish Women's Federation,
Toronto Jewish Congress.

People of good will everywhere rejoice in the release of Anatoly Shcharansky. We applaud the leaders of the Soviet Union for this humanitarian gesture which will lead to an improved atmosphere of trust between the world powers.

SPEAKING OUT

Would your organization like to know more about Jewish Women's Federation?

Do you have public speaking experience? Would you like to help us tell the Jewish Women's Federation story?

Under the chairmanship of Ruth Bass, we have launched a Speakers' Bureau to acquaint our membership with the Jewish Women's Federation and the greater Jewish community.

This spring, interested participants will be given an intensive training program. It will include a community orientation and will discuss concerns related to making public presentations.

For more information on Speakers' Bureau, or to book a speaker, please call 635-2883, ext. 116.

SHALOM TORONTO

More than twenty thousand Jewish people moved to Toronto in the last ten years!

Shalom Toronto has been established to extend a hand of greeting to newcomers. We want to be the first contact for Jewish women new to Toronto and help them become part of our community.

This committee, led by Annette Bearg and Paula Cohen, has formed a network of welcomers who will visit new residents and maintain contact for at least one year. The project includes distribution of a food basket and useful community information. Be a part of Shalom Toronto!
You can: **A)** provide us with the names of newcomers who have lived in Toronto for less than one year. **B)** help us assemble the welcome baskets. **C)** be a greeter (a second language would be helpful).
For information, call 635-2883, ext. 116.

Shalom Toronto Committee:
Standing: Marlene Bloom, Sheila Hecker, Marilyn Myers, Ellen Kert, Etty Danzig, Barbara Abrams, Annette Bearg — Co-Charman, Sarah Forer, Rochelle Mott, Paula Cohen — Co-Charman, Marilyn Maierovitz. Seated: Angela Shenton, Marilyn Rotenberg, Mihal Tylman.